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Prince of Peace; Nixon travels on two roads to peace in Vietnam; Trouble is brewing in Middle East and in Korea.

Santa Claus Has Sleigh En Route

By HAL BOYLE

NORTH POLE (AP) — He's off!

Santa Claus in on his way at last!

The jolly old Saint and his favorite reindeer are zooming through the arctic skies right now, heading for the American border. He'll reach it tonight.

The northern lights switched on to a clear, steady green—the "go ahead" signal. And the Royal Canadian Mounted Police sent Santa this message:

"We are clearing all air lanes in your path, old boy. There is no speed limit for you tonight. The sky is yours. Go as fast as you like. Good Luck!"

And Santa needed that wide, clear road in the sky. For his big red sled was packed so full of gifts it overflowed. It looked like a hay rack zooming through the crisp air.

"Oh dear, oh dear," worried Santa, just before the takeoff. "I do hope none of these presents falls out and beans some poor innocent for this must be the heaviest load I've had in twenty years."

"What is it he is fretting about?" whispered Donder to Vixen. "He's only riding that sled. We have to pull it."

Vixen laughed so hard the bells on her harness tinkled in merry music. And all the other reindeer laughed, too.

As Santa climbed up into the seat of the sled, puffing a little because he has gained some weight this winter, three black and white penguins waddled across the snow in front of the reindeer.

"Here, here, get out of the way, please," said Santa Claus importantly. Then he said, surprised:

"Why, what are you penguins doing up at the North Pole anyway? You're supposed to be at the South Pole."

"We're on a vacation," said one of the penguins. "We're looking for Florida. Have you seen it anywhere?"

"Climb aboard, climb aboard," boomed Santa. "I'll drop you off there. But I must say this is the first time I ever picked up three hitchhickers wearing tuxedoes."

Just then, Mrs. Santa Claus came running out waving a long piece of paper.

"You almost forgot your list of good children," she said.

"Never mind," said Santa. "I don't need it. This year I am going to give a present to every little boy and girl, good or bad. The bad ones will feel sorry then, because they know they don't deserve a nice present. It'll make 'em try harder to be good next year."

"That isn't according to Hoyle," said Mrs. Claus, who likes to play bridge. "But it does make sense, you old softie."

Santa stood up to crack his whip in the air—the signal to be off. But he heard a small voice crying:

"Wait, please wait."

It was Cluny, Santa's favorite little elf. The other elves gossiped about Cluny and said she was clumsy at making toys. But Santa knew it was only because she was so young. He liked her because she had a good heart.

"Here," said the tiny elf, holding up a small, shiny figure.

"What's this, what's this," grumbled Santa. "You're too late. My pack is already loaded."

"It is only my present to the world," said Cluny. "I made it at night in my room—all by myself."

Santa took the little figure from her hands. It was a beautiful angel with butterfly wings and a robe of purest white. In her hand the angel held a small magic wand.

"It is the angel of peace," explained Cluny.

"Why, Cluny," said Santa, "this is better than all the other gifts put together. I'll see that your angel waves her wand for one day at least over every home in the land."

And he picked up Cluny and gave her a big whisker-tickly kiss on her cheek. Then he picked up his long whip again and cracked it sharply in the frosty air.

"Ho, ho, ho, here we go!" he roared. "Ho, ho, ho, here we go!"

The eight reindeer leaped forward and the big sled began sliding through the snow. Faster, faster, faster, faster—and then they were off the ground and into the air.

Santa was on his way. And tonight, if you go to bed, he will come to your house, wherever your are.

Magistrate Levies Heavy Fine

NEW MADRID -- Louis Recker, Portageville, pleaded guilty Tuesday in magistrate court to a charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor. Judge Leo Hedgepeth imposed find and costs totaling $520 against Recker, but stayed $475 pending good behavior.

Judge Hedgepeth assessed total fines and costs of $682 against J.E. Ulmer on two separate charges of operating an overweight vehicle. He was fined $370 on a charge of overweight vehicle of 4,250 pounds and $312 on overweight vehicle of 3,670 pounds.

Fine and costs of $87 were assessed Commercial Transport for operating overweight vehicle of 1,420 pounds.

Charged with careless and imprudent driving, failure to exercise highest degree of care, Roger Lee Jaynes was fined $25; Richard Eugene Bodi J. forfeited $25 bond on a similar charge.

J.W. Reed was fined $20 on a careless and imprudent driving, following too closely, charge. The same amount was paid by Eddie Garfield Barnett, charged with careless and reckless driving, and having no vehicle license.

Donald Gene Wells, charged with careless and imprudent driving, and a Missouri resident using out - of - state care license, was assessed $20 fine.

Gary Wayne Stallings and Stephen Richard Hulshof, each charged with careless and imprudent driving, failure to stop at stop sign, were fined $15.

Fines of $15 each were imposed against Jerrie Ruth Patterson, charged with careless and imprudent driving, failure to stop at through highway; and Stephen Andrew Eftink, charged with careless and imprudent driving.

Three $50 bonds posted for speeding charges were forfeited by Albert C. Pampkin; Edward L. Curb; and Barbara J. Price. Other bonds forfeited for speeding include George Hill, $35; Thomas Collins Jenkins. George Edward Clark, and Louis S. Hall, $30 each.

Charged with speeding and paying fines were Maurice A. Thomas, $50; Oscar Nathaniel Rector, $25; and Elvin Eugene Polk, $20.

Fines of $25 each were paid by Clayton Dale Counts, charged with common assault; and William Earl Hopkins, charged with failure to cover or secure load.

Wright Tree Service and Charles Martell White each were assessed $15 fine on an improper registration charge; and Parma Lumber Company paid $11 fine on a similar charge.

Fines of $15 each were levied against James Dale Kennedy, charged with driving with expired vehicle license; Donald Wayne Slayton, driving while unlicensed operator.

Roy Carroll, failure to comply with restriction on operator license, restricted to glasses and outside mirror; Rawick Mfg. Co., defective brakes; and James Eugene Dranke, improper exhaust system.

Judgment of $650.70 was awareded Robinson Wholesale Builders Supply in a civil suit against Fuller Builders Supply Co.

Collector Takes Issue With Bonding Demand

BENTON - Scott County Collector Aubrey Michael took issue with the county court in an interview this morning regarding the court's order for him to increase his bond coverage to $750,000.

Michael said his bond coverage presently totals about $450,000, not $200,000, which was originally reported.

Prosecuting Attorney Tom Gilmore said the $750,000 is the maximum required by law and the present bond coverage was based on the collector making daily deposits, which he said has not been done. Gilmore said because of this the court has the right to demand additional bond coverage.

"The demand is unjust. They (the court members) haven't been exactly just," Michael said without elaboration.

Michael explained he has been making daily bank deposits with police escort from the Sikeston branch office in the city administration building, and he said he makes nightly bank deposits of money collected in the Benton office during the day.

"Hell, I don't want any money laying around the office. If any is lost, I am the one who has to come with it. No one can lose but me," the collector said.

Michael's office has been under investigation since Dec. 8 when an armed robbery was reported by deputy collector J. W. Shuffit. Authorities claim about $50,000 is missing from the office since Nov. 1, but whether any or all of the reported shortage was involved in the reported armed robbery has not been disclosed.

Michael has said he has sufficient bond coverage to cover any shortage. Michael said he would be indebted to the bonding companies for the shortage. "I'm the one who would lose," the collector said.

Gilmore said Monday he would reach a decision about issuing any warrants in connection with the case by today. He said probably the warrants would involve the handling of money only and probably would be misdemeanor charges, if issued.

SIX FOOD AND CLOTHING boxes were sent to area families for Christmas by the Altar Guild of Concordia Lutheran church. From left are Mrs. Fred Geske, Scott Reynolds, Jeanna Payne, Mrs. Jim Payne and Mrs. Herold Lohrmann.

Dexter Boy Killed When Gun Bursts

DEXTER — Lee Lusk, 14, son of Dewey Lusk of 308 Crane St., Dexter, and Mrs. Louise Ritch, St. Louis, died enroute to Barnes Hospital in St. Louis yesterday as a result of a shotgun wound. He was born July 23, 1955 at Poplar Bluff. He was a freshman at Dexter High School.

The boy was trying out a new shotgun yesterday morning at Dexter when the mud-jammed barrel burst.

Sgt. Jack Pritchard of the Highway Patrol reported the Lusk boy, accompanied by a brother and a cousin, went to the Hollis Montgomery farm at the southeast edge of Dexter about 9 a.m. to try the new gun. The gun's muzzle jabbed the ground and became clogged with mud.

Against the advice of his companions, the Lusk boy attempted to shoot the mud out of the gun barrel, but the weapon exploded, Sgt. Pritchard reported. The youth received severe head injuries and was transported from the field to a near-by road in Montgomery's pickup truck. A Rainey Funeral Home ambulance took the boy to Dexter Memorial Hospital.

Survivors include his father, Dewey, of Dexter; his mother, Mrs. Louise Ritch of St. Louis; one brother Billy Gene of the home; one sister, Sherry, of St. Louis; two half- brothers, Edward and Danny, both of Dexter; his step- mother, Mrs. Dewey Lusk of the home; six step- brothers; five step-sisters; maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Plunk of Dexter; paternal grandmother, Bea Forrest of Poplar Bluff; and maternal great grandfather, George Plunk of Birmingham, Ala.

Friends may call after 11 a.m. Thursday. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Friday at the Watkins and Sons Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Doyle Corlew of Essex officiating.

Burial will be at the Piggott Cemetery in Piggott, Ark.

Six Emergencies

Six emergencies were treated in Missouri Delta Community hospital Tuesday. William R. Bennett, Sikeston, car accident; Lance Douglas Chadd, Sikeston, fell off bed hitting head on floor; Carl D. Tackett, Morehouse, slammed box car door on middle finger; Alonzo Harris Jr. of Sikeston was hit by a car; Phillip J. Sullivan, East Prairie, car accident; Mickey T. Skelton, Charleston, cut thumb on broken glass.

Parking Lot Wreck

At the Mid-Town Village parking lot at 10:36 a.m. yesterday, a 1969 Chevrolet driven by Joseph Lee Huff, 44, 4820 Exall Lane, Paducah, Ky. collided with a 1964 Mercury driven by Reva Janette Johnson, 30, 316 Greer.

The Chevrolet was damaged on the left rear panel.

Holman Issues School Funds

BENTON - Hess Porter, Scott County treasurer, has received a $567,106 check from Haskel Holman, state auditor, for the second annual payment due school districts of the county for the school year 1969-70.

The districts received the following amounts: R-1, Illmo-Scott City, $68,911; R-2, Chaffee, $50,891; R-3, Oran, $38,894; R-4, Kelly, $40,779; R-5, Scott Central, $51,608; R-6, Sikeston, $303,046; and C-7, Kelso - New Hamburg, $12,977.

Marine aviation units first served in the Pacific in 1921, when 100 officers and enlisted men performed outpost duty on Guam. They flew patroles in seaplanes from Guam for almost ten year.

Car-Truck Collide

Yesterday at 1:16 p.m. at E. Malone and Lillian Dr., a 1964 Chevrolet pick- up driven by William R. Bennett, 56, 848 Linn, ran into a 1964 Ford driven by Phillip Joel Sullivan, 19, route one, East Prairie.

Linda Sullivan, 16, route one, East Prairie, a passenger in the Ford, was injured in the left eye. Phillip J. Sullivan Jr., 3 weeks old, also a passenger in the Ford, was injured along with the driver, Phillip Joel, who was injured on the forehead and knees. William Bennett was given an x-ray check-up at the Missouri Delta Community Hospital where the others received treatment.

Bennett was arrested for careless driving, police said.

The pick-up was damaged on the right front end. The Ford was damaged on the right front center.

Four Arrested

CHARLESTON — The Charleston police department reports four arrests Tuesday. Sarah J. Marshall, 17, was charged with careless and reckless driving. Bobby Williford, 25, of East Prairie and Lawrence Gier, 47, Charleston were both charged with public intoxication. James Williford, 33, East Prairie, was charged with driving while intoxicated.

One Dexter Arrest

DEXTR - Alfred Ewing of 819 North Mulbury was arrested for drunken driving this morning, police said. He was fined $30.

Police also arrested Glarge Ray Marris of Dexter for being drunk and disorderly yesterday. He received a fine of $20.

Woman Wounded With Shotgun

MALDEN — Mrs. Mildred Beaird suffered shotgun wounds in the lower part of both legs Monday night, when a blast from a shotgun was fired through the kitchen window of the Beaird home at 208 E. Laclede. The shooting took place at 9:10 p.m.

According to Chief of Police Bob dockins and Deputy Sheriff Bob McDonald, Mrs. Beaird was at home with her husband, Earl Beaird, when the shot came through the window on the north side of the house. Several pellets hit a book case in he room,and it was estimated that between 20-30 pellets struck Mrs. Beaird in the lower part of both legs. The police was summoned by Beaird after the shooting.

The local authorites went into swift action and by 9:30 p.m. an arrest was made in the shooting.

Arrested was Billy Beaird, 28, a half- brother to Earl Beaird, who residents with Mildred Beaird's mother in Malden.

What Is Christmas

What is Christmas? Well my sons, it's a lot of things.

It's gaiety and bustle. It's joy and hope. It's Santa Claus and sleigh bells. Its carols and carolers. It's giving and receiving. It's family and friends. It's baking and decorating. It's love and loving.

It's many different things to many different people, but there's one thing it is to everyone, and how can I best show you my sons, who live in such a modern, mechanized, unbelieving era?

How can I best explain to you a simple miracle- you, who live in an age of complicated, everyday miracles?

How can I make you understand Christmas?

How best can I contrast a car loaded down with presents hurtling along a super highway system on a brisk afternoon, with a small burro trudging slowly through the warm dessert sands carrying only a woman heavy with child?

How best explain the reasons this woman and her husband were fleeing their home, where dwelled a wicked ruler, who was having all the male children murdered, without making it sound like a Saturday evening television program, or can you, my sons ever picture in your minds the difference between our lovely and plentiful hotel rooms with the lowly stable this young couple were forced to rest in; or imagine a mother giving birth to a child in a manger surrounded only by farm animals, instead of in an immaculate hospital surrounded by doctors?

Can I truly have you watch with half- closed eyes the glowing ornaments on our tree until they fuse and merge into a great Star shining out of the East over a poor humble dwelling, wherein lies a young Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, who was this day born to suffer for our sins that we might be forgiven and live for all eternity?

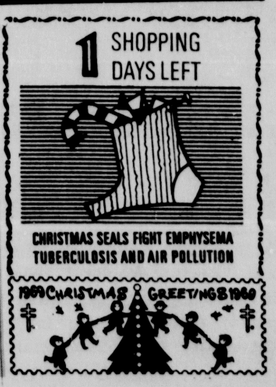
Can I ever make you see the difference? Can I ever make you understand?

What is Christmas really?

Why it's truly only one thing my sons, it's the birthday of a King.

No Standard On Christmas

There will not be a publication of The Daily Standard tomorrow in observance of Christmas. The office will be closed.



War Prisoners' Letters Bring Tears of Joy

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cards or letters from 131 American prisoners of war in North Vietnam have brought tears of joy in homes around the nation. Some families learned for the first time that their men were alive and well.

The four children of Maj. Donald Odell had gone out Christmas caroling in Mount Clemens, Mich., Tuesday but quit because of the bitter cold. Then came word that their father, missing for 26 months, was reported alive and well.

1000 Farmers Sign Allotment Protest

More than 1,000 Pemiscot County cotton farmers have joined in a strongly - worded protest to the Missouri ASCS Committee over what they consider to be discriminatory treatment in the setting of their 1970 projected cotton yields.

After all appeals for adjustments by the Pemiscot County ASCS were turned down by the state group. Pemiscot farmers took matters in their own hands and circulated a petition of protest which in a period of less than two days was signed by 1,076 cotton farmers.

The protest pointed ut that after the Washington office of the ASCS had computed each county's pro- rata share of the national projected cotton yield, the Missouri ASCS Committee cut the yield for Pemiscot County by 15 pounds per acre while raising the yield for New Madrid County, home of Barry Richardson of Portageville, Southeast Missouri member of the Missouri ASCS Committee, by 20 pounds per acre.

The protest further charged that the Missouri ASCS Committee singled out Pemiscot County for a cut in yields of eight pounds per acre below the county's 10- year average of actual yields - the only major cotton county in Missouri to be reduced below an average of actual yields.

Target of the protest is Richardson, who operates some 2,500 acres of cotton land in New Madrid County. At least two townships in New Madrid County - Portage and Lesieur — also received yield reductions, with the increases being distributed in other townships within New Madrid County. Such projected yield shifts amount to thousands of dollars for large landowners.

Weather

Chance of rain early tonight, early Thursday. Clearing and cool again. High today in 40s, low tonight around 30 degrees. Probability for measuring precipitation today 20 per cent, tonight 30 per cent, and Thursday 10 per cent.

The high and low temperatures for the 24-hour period ending Wednesday at 7:30 a.m. were 39 and 26 degrees, with no precipitation.

Sunset today..... 4:47 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow.....7:10 a.m.
Moonrise tonight ..... 5:32 p.m.
Last Quarter .....Dec. 31
PROMINENT STARS
The Twins near the moon.
Aldebaran in the east.. 5:50 p.m.
Sirus rises..... 7:23 p.m.
Betelgeuse high above Sirius. The Big Dipper rising in the ortheast at midnight.

Spies Use Swiss Banks For Intelligence Funds

By JEAN HELLER
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON AP - The Defense Department has evidenced that secret Swiss bank accounts have been used to cloak payoffs to American military personnel who supplies U. S. intelligence information to foreign powers.

Defense Department representatives, it was learned, were to testify to that fact at a House Banking Committee hearing Dec. 12 on a bill aimed at halting the illegal use of secret foreign bank accounts by U. S. citizens.

The hearing was postponed until sometime next year, but committee members received an advance copy of the formal department testimony before the postponement. The testimony said, among other things, that the Defense Department was in "complete accord" with the secret foreign bank account bill.

"Foreign numbered accounts pose a security threat to the Department of Defense in that they may be used to support foreign agents targeted against the military establishment or they may be used to conceal payments to U. S. personal recruited by foreign intelligence services," the testimony said.

The Defense Department representative testified further that the Pentagon officials would cooperated fully with the Treasury Department in enforcing the secret foreign bank account bill after its enactment.

They may never get the chance.

Even as the Defense Department testimony was being drafted, the Nixon administration, led by the Treasury Department, was backing down from its support for the bill. It was under pressure from domestic and foreign banking leaders who objected to the stringent new record-keeping practices provided for in the measure.

The House Banking Committee, chaired by Rep. Wright Patman, D-Tex., held a day of hearings on secret foreign bank accounts late last year. It was disclosed at that time that the accounts are used to cloak hundreds of millions of dollars in tax evasions and frauds every year.

Patman and other committee members began drafting legislation - with the help of Nixon administration officials - to curb the practice.

Assured of administration support for the measure, Patman began hearings Dec. 4. His two witnesses that day were Will Wilson, assistant attorney general in charge of the criminal division, and Robert M. Morgenthau, U. S. attorney for the southern district of New York, a man who broke several foregin bank account fraud cases.

Both testified in favor of the bill, with Wilson stating unequivocally, "That is correct," when asked point - blank if the Justice Department wanted enactment of the bill.

Three Women Injured In Two Car Accidents

Three area persons were injured in highway accidents Tuesday.

An accident Tuesday at 1:15 p.m. in East Prairie, sent Mrs. Sarah Maetheany, 73, to the doctor in East Prairie for minor injuries. The accident occurred at the Shelby and Powers Streets intersection.

She was a passenger in a 1960 Ford driven by her husband Hazie Maetheany, 76, East Prairie. Maetheany made a left turn into path of a 1964 Ford driven by Jimmy Wallace, 19, East Prairie. The two cars struck headon.

Maetheany was given a summons for careless and imprudent driving.

Two persons were injured in an accident Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. on route PP, six miles west of Poplar Bluff.

A 1967 Pontiac driven by Sally Ann Bodine, 17, Poplar Bluff, went out of control at excessive speed. The patrol said, the car ran off the left side of the road and struck a tree.

The driver had cuts on her head, and a passenger, Geneva Henthorne, 15, route one, Poplar Bluff, received minor cuts on the face.

Both were taken to Doctors hospital in Poplar Bluff.

Miss Bodine was given a summons for careless and imprudent driving and excessive speed.

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Wednesday, December 24, 1969. It's going to be pretty much like yesterday, only different.

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Thursday, December 25. Christmas Day.

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POOR CHARLIE SAYS!

Thursday will be the 56th Christmas that I have spent in Sikeston. Nostalgia could take over as I think back over the years but suffice is to say that Sikeston and Semo have been good to me -- far beyond my just deserts. I appreciate the many friends and neighbors here who have seen fit to put up with me for these long years.

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TWO THOUSAND YEARS OF CHRISTMAS

Last year at this time, a message of peace and hope was beamed to mankind from beyond the earth.

In terms of the vastness of space, the message did not come very far - from next door, really. This was the Christmas greeting from the three astronauts of Apollo 9 as they circled earth's nearest neighbor.

We have witnessed two more historic accomplishments since then - in July, when the first men trod upon the surface of the moon, and again last month when two more astronauts took the first moon "hike." There will be other, even more amazing feats in years to come, for man's adventure in space is only beginning.

But long, long before men seriously considered traveling beyond this planet - for some 2,000 years, in fact - the most stupendous "space spectacular" of all time has been the annual reappearance of the Christmas Star in the minds and hearts of humankind.

No one can say how far the inward - seen radiance of this Star travels, or from what distance its unchanging message comes.

It traverses the universe; yet it is as close as one hand touching another. It is as mysterious and ineffable as the meaning of life itself; yet it is as familiar and uncomplicated as the expression on a child's face as he opens a package under the tree.

The light, and the message, dim and disappear at other seasons of the year. Even at Christmastime, as we grow older, we sometimes have trouble perceiving them. The commercial din, the hectic crowds, the rush - rush and spend - spend - all in the name of Christmas - can too easily be allowed to obscure the meaning of Christmas.

But wonder of wonders, sometime between the buying and the wrapping and the joyful Christmas - morn destruction of all our careful and elaborate preparations, that magic moment unfailingly returns if we but pause and become quiet and open our hearts to it.

It comes in the dark hours of the night when all is calm and all is still. Children, half-waking and half-dreaming, hear Santa's sleigh bells. Those who are no longer children but who retain the faith and simplicity of children hear something else - the old and ever - new singing of the angels and the promise that echoes down the ages:

"Peace on earth, good will to men."

That is the real miracle. That is the real Christmas.

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Ellis Alcorn says: "A man may not be as good as you tell him he is, but he'll try harder thereafter."

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Tom Allen says: "If you can keep your head when all around you are losing theirs; you're probably overtranquilized."

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NOTED AND PASSED

Hunting Big Game: It is apparent that many people have noticed the ability of Vice President Agnew in going after big game and approve of his efforts. A fan club has been formed by June Ornsteen of Gladwyne, Pennsylvania. The organization is distributing bumper strips with a picture of a tiger and the club name; SAFARI - Spiro Agnew Fans and Rooters Institute.

Dangerous to whom?: The Federal Trade Commission investigated certain materials used in those see - through blouses and found them quite flammable. So in typical government bureaucratic language they have issued a warning: "This fabric may be highly dangerous." Their statement is a bit vague though; they forgot to note to whom it may be dangerous.

Just a reminder: There is some talk that the inquest into the death of Mary Jo Kepechne in Senator Edward Kennedy's car accident will be delayed long enough to allow a quiet disposition of the cause. The flaw in this theory is that the press does not have a short memory. Newsmen across the country are still watching the Massachusetts courts for their decision. It is difficult to hide anything from a free press.

Words of wisdom from the past: Ulysses S. Grant's comment on music seems appropriate to today's trends in music(?).

He assessed his taste in music quite simply: "I know only two tunes; one of them is 'Yankee Doodle,' and the other isn't."

Whatever happened to Yankee Doodle?

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DISCRIMINATION IN DENMARK

From Copenhagen, Denmark, comes a UPI dispatch that beginning next year the names of unwed mothers involved in paternity suits will no longer be made public, although the names of presumptive fathers will be.

Says the MANCHESTER UNION (New Hampshire): "Seems a little unfair to broadcast the name of a man who MIGHT be guilty and withhold the name of the woman who surely is."

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A Wayne Bess who ought to know says today's younger generation justs wants to run the world -- not finance it.

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Raymond Wright says what with supersonic flying and super - highway motoring we will soon be able to travel anywhere and see nothing.

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STAND FAST IN LIBERTY

(A Christmas message - reprinted by request)

The approach of Christmas brings to mind a certain grave in a cemetery in Highgate, London, England. It is marked by a rectangular marble block slightly higher than a man's head. Atop the marble pedestal there is a sculptured likeness of the shaggy father of international Con

in 1848, when he was 31, and died there in 1883. For years, writers have wondered in print why the Communists have never requested permission to move the remains of their idol to Moscow for entombment in Red Square. And every curious sightseer has wondered at the shabbiness of the grave itself; it is completely overgrown with weeds and thistles. It has been neglected for years and looks as unkept as did Marx in his lifetime.

Why should this untended grave come to mind at Christmas? Simply because of the contrast. On December 25, the whole Western World will stop whatever it is doing to pay honor to Him for whom the day is named. There will be prayers and hymns of praise in every language man has devised to communicate His thoughts. There is scarcely a town, a township, a village which has not built a meeting place where men of good will may gather to study His teachings - and each of those churches will hold services celebrating Christmas.

Thousands upon thousands of pilgrims will travel to the Holy Land on Christmas Day to trace His steps. And men everywhere will be reminded that He showed them that their slavation lay in service to their God, and not in servitude to their State. They will be admonished, too, that the Apostle Paul foresaw the eternal assault on free men. His words to the Galations stand as the lesson of Christmas for this and every future year of our Lord: "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage."

And while all men free of bondage stand silent on Christmas as they have been doing on this day for 1969 years, cold winds will blow through the thistles at that forlorn, untended grave in London. What an appropriate and joyous contrast!

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John Donoho says: "Lately what it takes to keep this country moving is tear gas."

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Bill Burch says: "Greener pastures often have higher fences around them."

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Ben Franklin said it: "Love your neighbor; yet don't pull down your hedge."

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Somehow, "dig that disel" just doesn't have the ring of locomotive to old time steam buffs.

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A surprising number of women live to be 100, considering that, by their own admission, few ever pass age 30.

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ROMANCE IN HIJACKING

Maria Grazia, a 23 - year - old Milanese model, is head - over - heels in love with Raffaele Minichiello. Miss Grazia wants to marry the 20 - year - old American Marine corporal because: "Doesn't it seem terrific to you that a boy could have the courage to bring a plane from the United States to Rome just so he could hug his father?" Director Carlo Ponti was so impressed with Minichiello's hijacking of a Trans World Airlines jet from California to Italy in November that he plans a movie on the exploit.

Meanwhile, back in the real world, National Airlines pilot James G. Brown told a congressional committee earlier this year: "If anyone has any solution to the problem of hijacking, please do something about it expeditiously - because it's a tragedy waiting for a place to happen." Brown made the statement a few days after he had flown to Havana at the instructions of a hijacker armed with a pistol and four sticks of dynamite. There have been at least 66 hijackings this year - including 50 planes commandeered to Cuba, 30 of them American airliners.

The search for a solution continues. The United Nations voted 67 to one on Dec. 5 to urge all governments to insure that hijackers will be prosecuted. Seventeen nations abstained and the one dissenting vote was cast by Cuba. In Washington, the State Department announced that the 13 countries which provide the bulk of the world's civil airline service would hold a three - day meeting beginning on Tuesday, Dec. 16, to discuss aircraft hijacking.

Eastern Air Lines, a prime target for Cuba - bound hijackers put a still - secret weapon detection device into operation Oct. 15. Federal Aviation Administration head John H. Shaffer said the device detects weapons but "relies principally on psychology - based behavior profiles." Weapons detection and an international system of prosecution are closing in on the air pirate. Only husband - hunting models and hero - hunting movie directors will be sorry.

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Paul Cannon says: "Gossip never dies. Now and then you hear a "story" first told some 50 years ago on somebody long since dead."

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Hal Boyle

By JOY STILLEY

NEW YORK (AP) — Hot on the heels of the maxifashions, we now have the Max fashions —avant-garde artist Peter Max, that is.

Actually, they're not only on the heels, but also on the toes, calves, knees and thighs of a new collection of hosiery that bears his cosmic designs.

The 30-year-old exponent of art nouveau for the masses followed his initial success with psychedelic posters by putting his bold and colorful imprint on clocks, toys, towels, dishes, napkins, ash trays, scarves, stationery and even the sides of buses.

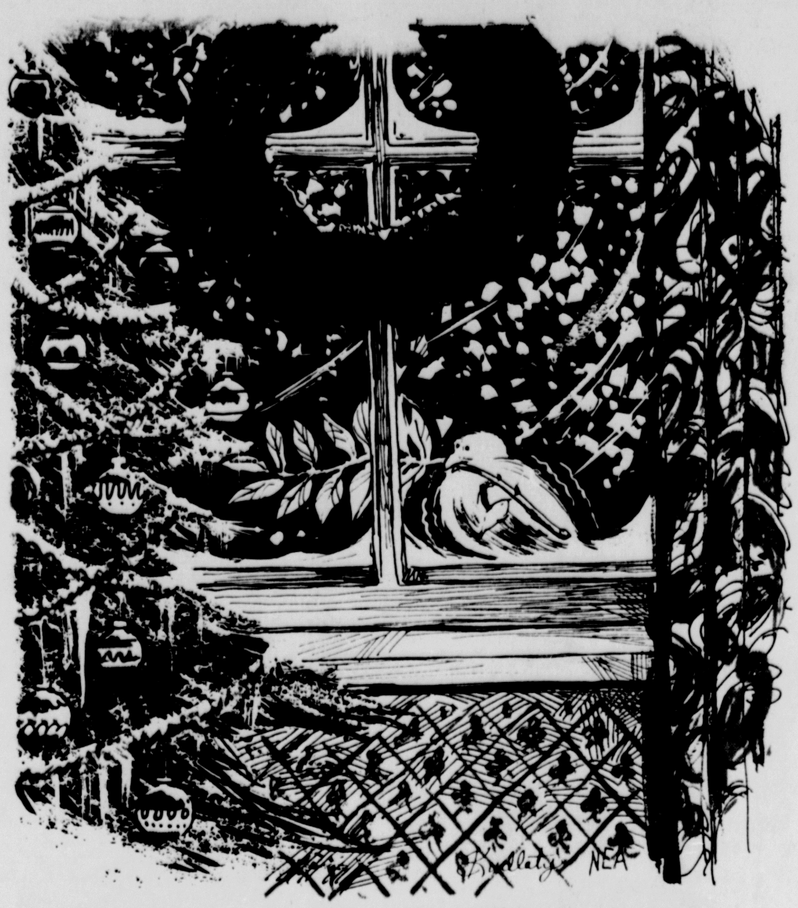
Now, looking for new spaces to conquer, Max has gone out on a limb— and given a new meaning to the term "leg art." His brilliant-hued geometrics, flower fantasies, constellations and clouds are placed strategically at various levels from below the miniest skirt, on down to the foot, where even a maxicoat enthusiast can show her colors.

In between there are designs just above the knee, as well a galaxy of stars that enhances the countour of the upper leg, a portion of female anatomy the artist feels has been outrageously neglected.

Although the daring ornamentation is admittedly "beamed at the young spirited individualist who wants to establish her own identity to create her very own version of fashion," Max adds that "any woman with a wellshaped leg can wear them."

Born in Germany, the softspoken artist came to this country via Shanghai, Tibet, Israel, where he studied astronomy, and France. He became inerestee in yoga and in Paris found Swami Satchidananda, persuaded him to come to New York, and now they work together at the Integral Yoga Institute.

Though his head nay be up in the clouds in pursuit of cosmic wisdom, when it comes to innovative commercialism Max's feet are planted on the ground as firmly as he hopes feminine feet will be planted in his starstudded stockings.



TOMORROW
DECEMBER 25 - THURSDAY
BUFFALO, DEER & HARVEST DANCES. Dec. 25. Pueblos, NM.
CHRISTMAS DAY. Dec. 25. Celebrated throughout the United states, its territories and the rest of the Christian World.

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TOMORROW
DECEMBER 26 - FRIDAY
ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE CONGRESS. Dec. 26-31. Boston, MA.
BOXING DAY. Dec. 26. United Kingdom, Australia, some Canadian provinces, Poland. Day for gift exchange.
SECOND CHRISTMAS. Dec. 26. Marks beginning of two - week long celebration. Celebrated in SC and the Virgin Islands.
SYDNEY - TO - HOBART YACHT RACE. Dec. 26. Australia.

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I wrote a play in grammer school but got sent home because it contained the word "martini." I've always had a dry wit.

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Our Unabashed Dictionary defines prudery as meddle- class morality.

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I was a sexy spring night and the sap was rising. A Hollywood stud took his chick for a ride in his new MG sports car and parked out on a secluded point off Mulholland Drive.

The chick bounded out of the tiny car and draped herself seductively against a tree - but the stud just sat there behind the wheel.

"Honey," she purred, "if you don't hurry up, I'll be out of the mood."

"Hell," he said, "if I don't get out of the mood, I won't be able to make it out of this MG."

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We got back home and found, as usual, there was something we forgot to shut off. This time it was spending.

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Of course, I wouldn't accept money from a perfect stranger," the gold digger told her girlfriend. "But then, nobody's perfect."

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WHA' HOPPENED?

A newsprint information Committee research study indicates that newspapers are the prime medium for news and buying information.

This study showed that four out of five persons gets news from the newspaper where the reader can get the full range of specific information items.

It was found that two out of three people look forward to seeing the ads in their newspaper. The greater a person's interest in advertising information - such as data on something he wants to buy - the more likely he is to turn to his newspaper as his No. 1 reference.

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The man next door jogs. He's bought a sit-down lawnmower, too.

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The banana was eaten in Southern Asia and perhaps, Malaysia, long before recorded history. It was originally spelled benena. It was introduced to the New World, in Santo Domingo, in 1516.

POWERING OUR CITIES

The Electric Utility Industry Task Force On Environment in its report to the President's Council on Recreation and Natural Beauty has, among other things, urged examination of the feasibility of locating large nuclear generating plants in urban areas as soon as possible. This study group, composed of outstanding citizens and leaders in industry and government and headed by Mr. Laurance S. Rockefeller, has pointed out that locating nuclear generating stations in metropolitan areas would make two vital contributions to the environement.

In the first place, such stations, since they would not burn conventional fuels, would alleviate problems of air pollution. And secondly, in as much as they would be close to the centers of power consumption, they would reduce the need for construction of additional long- distance transmission lines. In line with this recommendation and typical of the industry's concern for furthering the quality of the nation's environment is an agreement for the development of one of the world's largest nuclear generating plants, signed by one of the nation's major investor -owned utility companies and officials of New Rochelle, New York. As planned, the plant would be located half a mile off the coast of New Rochelle in Long Island Sound. Its cost is estimated at between $600 and $900 million, and it is hoped that the Atmoic Energy Commission approval can be given in time to clear the way for construction to start in 1972. If plans go forward, it is expected the plant would be completed between 1975 and 1978 and would include four 1- million - kilowatt generating units.

This is the kind of progressive leadership and investment in the future that has brought the United States to its present position of world leadership in the development of nuclear power generation and proven its safety and reliability. Nuclear power now has immense potential for contributing to the quality of life and the availability of abundant low-cost electric power.

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Betcha Didn't Know...

A reformer is the kind of guy who would have you believe that he gave Eve back her apple.

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Doc. Duncan Says

Gramp sez he sees by the papers the Dooces - Wild aint havin much luck selling 65 bonds at par. sez if that keeps up it means a down turn in taxes.

Doc Duncan

H.L. Hunt Says

THE GOOD AND THE BEAUTIFUL

Republic USA represents the best of the good and the beautiful that mankind has been able to achieve so far during his troubled centuries on this old earth. That is the story which must be told and retold if the good, the true and the beautiful are to be preserved for our posterity and for ourselves.

It is easy to forget, if one has never struggled for the truth, for the good, for the beautiful, that these values do not come easy. They must be struggled, for, then preserved. Like freedom, they can all be lost through ignorance or apathy or sometimes by just human cussedness.

Food, clothing and shelter are not denied some people in the world because the more free people of Republic USA, through their beautiful freedom, have been able to create and achieve health, wealth and happiness beyond the wildest dreams of ancient kings who had to seize by force their few luxuries f from slaves and serfs. Free, creative men and women of this land have created more wealth than all other men have been able to scratch up in all history.

Those who have followed this system, even though it is not yet perfect, have also achieved to the extent they have love, and appreciated freedom and truth and beauty. those who envy the achievements of others and try to seize or destroy the fruits of their achievement are not the vanguard of the future. A free and responsible systme of news, information, education and entertainment will begin to understand this story and these great truths, if they are not to be lost. We can see the light of a beautiful new day ahead; we need to do is turn the corner to the right and keep going.

Inside Labor

By Victor Riesel

INSIDE STRIKE:

Toll at Christmas For GE, Strikers, And Nation Now Hitting $300 Million.

New York: — It may well be that George Meany, Mr. World Labor, looks like a cartoonist's dream of a plumber and even talks like a plumber - but it would take a fast moving team of Metternich, Medici and Machiavelli to outmaneuver him. Also, he has a touch of Iron Chancellor Bismarck in him and Napoleon's logistic skill of moving an army on its stomach.

It is essential to understand this if one is to realize the depth and significance of the tragic war between American labor and the sprawling, global General Electric Corp. AFL- CIO President Meany is directing this strike personally -- thus this is the first time in our nation's history that the entire American labor movement has struck at a single corporation. This confrontation will roll into 1970.

In the nine weeks since the strike started, it has cost almost $300 million in lost wages, lost production, lost sales, and in vast strike relief, social welfare and economically blitzed communities.

True, there are some 133,000 out on strike but suffering with them this tight Christmas are families with more than a half million women and children.

Mr. Meany, a quick warrior, prepared for all this. His strategy is a marvel to behold and reflects the enormous strength a united labor movement can whip up. In Cleveland the other day, for example, one local machinists' union, angered by a pro- G.E. statement of one of the Central National Bank's executives, cooly withdrew its million-dollar account.

In New York, United Federation of Teachers (UFT) President, Al Shanker, prepared to reach 15 million pupils - half the nation's junior, intermediate and senior high school students -- through some 100,000 school teachers. Shortly after the first of the year the UFT and its parent American Federation of Teachers will mail 100,000 "lesson plan" booklets on the GE strike to its members.

"We will have fantastic impact," said Mr. Shanker the other day in that drawl so strange to a New Yorker. "Those 100,000 instructors, who each teach 150 students a day, will reach millions of youngsters. We have teachers in most big cities. Their students will be motivated. We contributed $50,000 to the strike fund, but money is not enough."

There "lesson plans" will talk of GE's bargaining policy generally dubbed "Boulwarism" after the genial former GE Vice President Lemuel Boulware, who is now retired and golfs his age --75. The teachers' booklet also will refer to the theory of collective bargaining, and will reflect the unions' Coordinated Bargaining Committee (CBC) charge that GE is attempting to destroy the collective bargaining system. The company's attitudes will be reflected, but the pro-labor weight of the lesson plans will be obvious.

Through the youngsters the labor movement hopes to get to the older youth power generation and to millions of parents as well. Thus the company's public relations campaign may be offset.

But Mr. Meany and the 12-member CBC know that a striker's morale depends on the spirits of his family and the filling of stomachs. No one can eat bravado. The movement has talked of raising $50 million. It hasn't. The AFL— CIO is on its third million. The United Auto Workers have given a million - and is paying its own strikers $30 for a single striker, $35 if he or she is married and $40 if there is a family. In addition the UAW pays surgical hospital benefits and life insurance premiums.

In New York, some 32,000 strikers now are receiving unemployment insurance which runs as high as $65 a week. So are several thousand in Rhode Island. These are the only two states which pay strikers jobless relief after a waiting period.

This leaves about 100,000 strikers payless at Yuletide. For them it's not a very happy holiday. But no one's going hungry. Long before the strike started, Mr. Meany directed his own health- education - and - welfare department chief, Leo Perlis, head of the AFL- CIO Community Services, to prepare for the siege. The peripatetic, bald - pated Mr. Perlis wrote to his 176 full- time AFL- CIO representatives around the nation to prepare to care for half a million persons.

"They will need our help for cash, food, clothing, shelter, medical care, hospitalization, legal aid, family counseling, extension of credit, debt counseling, recreation and many other services... Now let us put our program into effect: Set up strike relief committees... initiate special strike counseling training sessions involving GE union counselors ... arrange a meeting between the appropriate officials of the striking unions and representatives of all public and voluntary agencies that can help, including particularly those agencies providing public assistance, surplus foods and food stamps.

"... Disseminate among all strike counselors information, printed or mimeographed, listing all pertinent community agencies, their addresses, telephone numbers, functions and names of the people in charge... Refresh your memory on the strike relief program by rereading our pamphlets entitled 'Beyond the Picket Line,' 'Strike Assistance' and 'Food Stamps."

At the same time Mr. Meany has sent word to the White House - which he considers unfriendly -- that labor wants no government interference. And he is cautious not to interfere with defense production. GE sells 4,000 items to the Pentagon - from jets to wires. Thus far there has been only slight "slippage" on fighter and helicopter jet engines. So the government has kept neutral.

The GE strategists want it that way too. They see the struggle as the inevitable confrontation across the collective bargaining table in an insecure economy. They say they want "no holy war." They are not seeking to destroy the labor movement, they add. But they don't want to price themselves out of the world market, they assert swiftly.

Least of all do they want to duel with George Meany. It's easier to make wizardries from lamps to moon landings.

But it's a free country. So it will be a freezing Christmas. It would be good if both sides came in out of the cold. There are public figures who would be fine peacemakers. This is the season. None of us are Metternichs, Medicis or Machiavellis. But we could rustle up some latter- day Evers to Tinkers To Chance.

Washington Merry - Go - Round

By Jack Anderson

WASHINGTON -- While Christmas choruses sing of "peace of earth, good will toward men," this column has completed a confidential review of the prospects for peace around the world. Here is the rundown:

VIETNAM -- At a secret White House strategy session, President Nixon earnestly pledged to GOP leaders: "There is no goal to which we are more committed than ending this (Vietnam) war. We have a plan. It will work."

He outlined a two - track strategy. The rapid road to peace, he said, could be through negotiations. But unhappily, the communists have shown no interest in any settlement short of complete capitulation.

Reporting on the Paris truce talks, the President's National Security Adviser, Henry Kissinger, declared: "We tend to negotiate too much with ourselves. There is almost no proposal in the press that we have not made in one way or another. We've mentioned 'cease - fire' in various connotations.

"If they want a reasonable compromise, we will meet them halfway," he added fiercely. "If they insist on American humiliation, we will resist."

Kissinger wasn't wholly pessimistic about the negotiations, explaining: "The use of unbridled ferocity, until just before they are ready to settle, is a Hanoi Tactic."

Even the enemy build - up in Vietnam, the President believes, may be intended for bargaining purposes. The capability to launch an offensive, in his view, gives Hanoi a stronger bargaining card at the truce table than would an actual offensive that might fail.

The slow road to peace, in case the negotiations wind up in a dead end, is via Vietnamization. Without waiting for peace to strike in Paris, the U.S. is turning the fighting over to the South Vietnamese as fast as they can be made ready.

Declared the President: "Regardless of what the enemy agrees to, we can end the U.S. part in the war by the process of Vietnamization."

He make it clear to his leaders, however, that he would never agree ta unilateral cease - fire.

"We want a cease - fire," he said. "It should be mutual. We will not cease, while they fire."

--RUSSIANS COOPERATIVE--

SALT TALKS -- President Nixon, talking to Republican congressional leaders over coffee and toast the other morning, reported that the Soviet - American strategic arms limitation talks look promising. Never in the history of East - West negotiations, he said, have the Russians been more cooperative.

"There have been no polemics, no propaganda," he told the GOP leaders. "This is wholly different than any other meeting we have ever attended with the Russians."

He said the Soviets have shown a sophistication and earnestness that has just about convinced the American negotiators that the Kremlin sincerely wants to reduce tensions with the United States and cut back heavy military expenditures.

MIDDLE EAST -- The Arabs and Israelis appear to be roaring down he road toward a head - on collision. In the Arab lands, public opinion is so inflamed against Israel that nothing but a blind "holy war" will satisfy the mood. The militant guerrilla leaders are so powerful that the more moderate Arab governments ccan no longer control them.

The Russians have accused the Americans of refusing to exert pressure upon Israel to make concessions. The Americans feel that the Russians haven't used all their influence with the Arabs. There is a suspicion, indeed, that the Russians really seek controlled tension in the Middle East.

As evidence of American good faith, the U.S. recently has intensified the pressure upon Israel. The response has been a hardening of the Israeli attitude.

Henry Kissinger told the GOP congressional leaders confidentially that the only hope for peace in he Middle East depended upon the ability of the two superpowers to work out a settlement.

"The Israelis mistrust the United Nations," he said, "worse than the John Birch Society does."

--IN NORTH ASIA--

KOREA -- Intelligence reports warn that Kim II Sung, the frenzied dictator of North Korea,may be planning new humiliations for the United States. He tested President Nixon's campaign pledge never to permit another Pueblo incident by shooting down an unarmed reconnaissance plane and, later, an unarmed helicopter.

Having called the President's bluff, it is feared, Kim II Sung may next attempt something more drastic, such as a commando raid across the demilitarized zone upon a U.S. camp. He is also expected to increase the infiltration of North Korean agents into the south.

It is considered unlikely, however, that he would renew the Korean War. The South Koreans are too strong both in military might and economic stability. Their troops, however, need more modern U.S. equipment before it would be safe to withdraw U.S. troops from Korea.

CHINESE - RUSSIAN BORDER -- Despite negotiations to settle their border disputes, the Soviets and Chinese are stepping up military preparations on both sides of the border.

Some intelligence reports suggest that the Russians are negotiating merely for the sake of world opinion but are really planning to strike across the border at China's nuclear works. The destruction of Chinese nuclear power would remove China as a threat to Russia for years to come.

Other intelligence reports insist that both the Chinese and Russian military forces are deployed basically for defense and that wars seldom break out between two defensive powers.

Ann Landers

Living Together Ten Months Without A Commitment...What Are Her Rights?

Dear Ann Landers: I am a middle - aged man who has just been offered the promotion he's been dreaming about. It means moving the family several hundred miles from here.

My wife refuses to move. She says the kids are doing well in school and moving would mean leaving friends they have grown up with. She is also close to her family.

What can a man do when he is faced with rebellion like this? My wife says, "Money isn't everything." I agree, but this isn't just money. It's what I've been aiming for. It's satisfaction and progress. I'm 37 years old. If I turn down this promotion, I'll be stuck in this spot the rest of my life. Please help me. -- Between The Devil And The Deep Blue Sea

Dear Between: If the devil wins this battle she is going to have a frustrated, unhappy husband on her hands for many years to come. Maybe forever. In my opinion, your wife is letting you down badly. It is the woman's responsibility to make a home for her man wherever he can best pursue his profession or ply his trade. Remind her of those beautiful words: "Whither thou goest --- I goest."

Dear Ann Landers: I'm a 31 - year - old divorcee who has been going with a man 37. He is also divorced.

The problem: I'm in love with him but he can't make up his mind about me. After ten months of being together almost every night, he still needs to play around with other women.

I should tell you, in all candor, we are not engaged. We have talked of marriage but no commitment has been made. The problem boils down to this: I am satisfied with one man but he is not satisfied with one woman. Last night I told him he'd have to make up his mind. He called me "unreasonable" and "unfair". Am I? --A.T.K.

Dear A.T.K.: Inasmuch as you are not engaged and no commitment has been made, the gentleman has a right to do as he pleases. By the same token, since you have devoted yourself exclusively to him for ten months, you have the right to tell him either -- or. Don't be surprised if it's "or". A man who cares deeply for a woman and wants her for his wife does not play around, --- unless there's something wrong with him. Have you considered THAT possibility?

Dear Ann Landers: Recently you told a 16 - year - old boy to join Alcoholics Anonymous. I didn't know A.A. took kids that young. What are the requirements for joining A.A.? --Interested For A Reason

Dear In: The only requirement for membership in A.A. is the desire to stop drinking. There are no dues and no fees. A.A. is not allied with any sect, denomination, political party or organization. The primary purpose of A.A. is to help people stay sober and help other alcoholics achieve that goal.

Anyone interested in their literature should write to Alcoholics Anonymous, Box 459, Grand Central Post Office, New York, N.Y. 10017.

Another organization that does trememdous job for alcoholics is: The National Council on Alcoholism, 2 Park Avenue, New York, New York.

Ann Landers' book, "Truth Is Stranger," a collection of her best columns over the past 14 years is available at book stores. It can also be obtained by writing Prentice Hall, Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey. Price, $4.95.

Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of this newspaper, enclosing a self - addressed, stamped envelope.

CHILDREN at the Child Development Center in Lincoln Building enjoyed the Lambert Puppets, presented by Vi Lambert yesterday.

The Pink Curtain Opens, And Up Pop The Lambert Puppets...

By BARBARA LACY

The music starts, the lights go off. All eyes watch as a spotlighted pink glittery curtain is drawn apart.

To the tune of "Glow Little Glowworm, Glitter, Glitter," the miniature stage is suddenly filled by little black glowworms with flashing tails dancing in the dark.

The Lambert Puppet are performing.

When Mr. and Mrs. James Lambert, of Alexandria, Va., came to Sikeston for a family visit, they brought their son Marc, whom they adopted in France, Peseta, long-haired Terrier, whom they bought in Mexico and whose name is the feminine form of peso, the Mexican term for money; and boxes of puppets, light and sound equipment and a large pink stage decorated with tulips and sunflowers.

Also stashed in were several bags of confetti for the children to throw during and after the performances.

"I know it's messy," the creator of the puppets said, of the confetti, "but the children love it."

The Lambert puppets were created just for fun, by one woman, Vi Lambert, who gives shows because she enjoys doing things for children, especially at Christmas.

"Isn't that the spirit of Christmas she says."

She is small, bouncy and modest and prefers to talk about the puppets' personalities to herself.

Her husband, a retired Air Force colonel, interrupts to say that she treats her puppets as if they were people.

They do have recognizable personality types. Joe, the announcer, is continually interrupted by his know - it - all sister Susie.

"I always try to find a sweet southern voice for Susie," Mrs. Lambert said, adding that in every performance, local people work several of the puppets.

Another puppet is Father Moses, an old Negro who teaches the children to sing "Amen". Pierre, the Frenchman, who is played by Marc Lambert, can't speak English but does communicate with music.

Then, there is the man who hates opera, victim of the first fight ever on the Lambert stage.

"Marc, who is our major demo behind the scenes, said that he thought the show was too tame. So we added the man who hates opera. Did you like it?"

For those of you who didn't see the show, the man who hates opera is thoroughly battered by a piano stool after he beats up the opera singing swan, Pierre the french piano player, and the piano.

Others have their problems too. The Elephant ballet dancer splits in half, much to her chagrine, and spends the rest of her act trying to get back together.

A couple in finger fitting costumes do a modern dance, then remove their heads as Mrs. Lambert explains how to make your own puppets."

"Take a styroform ball, paint a face on it, cut out a whole in the bottom for your finger. Put it on, make it dance, talk and sing."

That's all their is too it. Except for the magic and mystery the Lambert puppets impart.

How did Vi Lambert, secretary in the Pentagon, become interested in puppets?

She started as a den mother working on a papier mache project, but admits, "I left the boys way behind when I made my first puppet.

"First I made one head, then I had to make more, then I had to put together a show."

The first show was at the pediatric ward of the Lackland Air Force Base hospital. We made a stage out of hospital screens.

"Our second show was at a San Antonio Methodist Church for Mothers Day.

That was five years ago."

Now Vi Lambert is a member of the Capitol Puppet Guild, Puppeteers of America and the International Congress of Pupperty.

Last summer she attended the professional and amateur convention in Prague and Chrudim Czecholovia.

"I didn't perform, but watched some marvelous shows. And one of the best ideas I got was for a new stage. I'm going to get it made next."

Thus, she donated her present stage to the Lincoln Day Care Center, after her performances in Sikeston.

"What I'd like to do," she said finally, "is use the puppets in therapy with retarded children."

While in Sikeston the Lamberts are staying with Lambert's sister, the Gene Grants.

Helping in the three performances in Sikeston, at the Lincoln Day Care Center, the Regional Diagnostic Clinic and the Security National Bank were: Mrs. Margaret Lambert Walters, Tim Lambert, son of DeWitt Lambert; Mrs. Jane Lambert Brock of Jackson Miss., and Clauda Ham.

BOZO THE CLOWN and the Master of Ceremonies were part of the Lambert Puppet presentation in Security National Bank community room this morning.

Very Special Christmas

Fourteen years ago, the year Ann Landers began writing this column, she produced a special essay for Christmas Day. Reader response was extremely high and she has reprinted the column annually, with topical modifications. This is her Christmas message for 1969.

Today is Christmas. All about us we hear talk of peace on earth, good will toward men. Yet we know, to our sorrow, there is no peace in the hearts of many men, and there is no good will.

The mood of American vacillates between fear and the childlike hope that somehow everything will turn out all right. Yet we are uptight, anxious, frightened sick of war, puzzled by our young and torn by conflicting emotions.

Our youth insists that civilization is out of joint. They resent having to live in a dangerous and untidy world they never made. But what generation ever made the world it had to live in?

Despite "progress" of which we boast, what progress have we made? Is it progress when average, everyday citizens are afraid to walk within blocks of their their own homes after dark? Is it progress to spend billions to put a man on the moon where no man lives while in our own country, 10 million people are inadequately fed and 20 million live in hovels and shacks?

This is the age of protest, the big copout, the unwashed and the undressed. The blurring of the sexes. Young rebels spit in the face of conformity and stare us down with eyes like hypodermic needles. Some fear we are heading toward social decay -- going the way of the Romans and the Babylonians. Others applaud the new morality and dance on the grave of "phony Puritanism." They herald the sex revolution as symptomatic of a maturing society which will encourage creativity and promote better mental health.

Members of the Now Generation are searching for drugs to "expand their minds," when in reality, they have merely opted to anesthetize themselves against the pain of growing up and accepting responsibility. Yet, we cannot deny they have some valid complaints and much of what they are railing against is, indeed, despicable and needs to be changed. This raises some serious questions for which there are no easy answers.

Each day, each of us must make a series of small decisions. These decisions determine the direction in which our lives will move. No one, irrespective of how wise, how highly principled or experienced he may be, can make the right decision every time. To err or fail is no disgrace. The disgrace lies in not learning from our mistakes, not recovering from our defeats, not getting up to try again.

Since this is a problem column, I hear more about failure than I hear about victory. Does this depress me? No, it does not. After fourteen years I still find this work immensely rewarding. I realize that many people who write don't want advice, they merely need someone to listen. I have been entrusted with the largest reading audience in the world. What a magnificent opportunity to shine a spotlight on ignorance and fear. There's no greater satisfaction than to serve, and I will continue to do my best.

Ann Landers

Sweet as the Thought...
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THE PERFECT GIFT
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Women's Page

Donna Koch, Page Editor 471-1137

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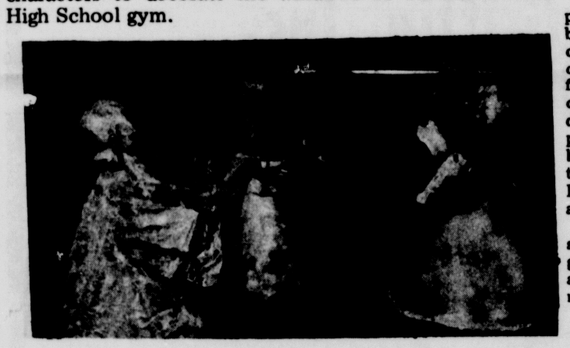
"CHRISTMAS IS WHEN you hug your little brother", so say members of Mrs. Robert Hunter's Art III classes when they used the Charley Brown cartoon characters to decorate the windows of the East Prairie High School gym.



PAPER MACHE CAROLERS decorate the lobby of the East Prairie High School gymnasium.

East Prairie School Trimmed For Christmas

EAST PRAIRIE -- Mrs. Robert Hunter, art instructor of the East Prairie High School had high praise for members of her art classes who were responsible for Christmas decorations displayed throughout the school.

Art III classes cleverly decorated the windows at the entrance to the gymnasium with a "Charley Brown Christmas" theme. Inside the lobby of the gym, paper mache carolers add a musical touch.

Outstanding among the many decorations were Nativity setting made by sophomore students, Tyler Fitzgibbons, son of Mrs. Doris Fitzgibbons, and Lionell Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Brown.

The boys worked almost three weeks on their projects which are displayed in the front lobby and the counselor office.

Using a technique similar to paper mache but with cloth, the base of each figure begins with a cardboard cone and an armature of aluminum foil. Pieces of fabric, usually old draperies, curtains or lace doilies are drapped around the figure, then painted with burnt umber, brushed with gold, giving ample time for drying between coats. Broken bits of jewelry, beads and pearls add the final touches.

Completing the Nativity scene is the stable, also sprayed gold with a roof of peat moss and a floor of straw adding a realistic touch.

Dear Santa

Hi Santa,

My name is Angela Long. I'm 6 ½ years old and in the 1st grade. My teacher is Miss Perry. Please don't forget her. I've been a good girl this year and I would like to have a dancerina doll, Etch - a sketch board and some new clothes. Don't forget all the other boys and girls. And don't forget my friends that Live at Morley Jeff and Ginger.

Angela Long
East Prairie, Mo.

Dear Santa,

My name is Cathy for Christmas I would like hands - down, operation, and Dynamite Shack.

Cathy Schuchart
Sincerly yours,

Dear Santa,

I am a little girl 4 years old. I have been a good girl this year. I would like a record player and the game Dynamite Shack. Remember all the other good girls and boys.

Thank You,
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Robbyn Schuchart

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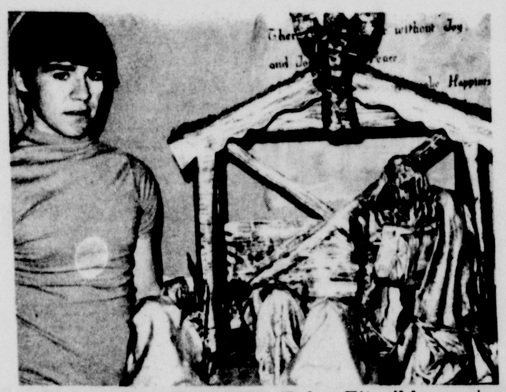

SOPHOMORE STUDENT Tyler Fitzgibbons stands beside his Nativity Scene which is displayed in the counselors office of the East Prairie High School.

Girls Scouts

BELL CITY - Toys were repaired for the under-privileged children was the agenda when Girl Scout troop 178 met Monday afternoon. After refreshments, the group met in patrols and studied greetings in other languages.

Charles Heiffiner of Columbia was an over night guest of his mother, Mrs. Dora Bollinger, and his sister, Mrs. Clara Howard, on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Redman and Miss Sara Jean were guests of Joe Redman's nephew and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Wilford, Dexter, for their annual Christmas dinner and party Saturday evening. Guests present were his son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Redman and three children of Kennett, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Musgraves, Mr. and Mrs. James Redman of St. Louis, Mrs. Joyce Omphfleet and two children and J. L. Simpson of Dexter.

Mrs. John Kaynard was hostess to the Christmas party of the Women's Society of Christian Service of the Bell City United Church at her home Wednesday evening. Twenty-four ladies were present with Mrs. Wayne French in charge of the program. An exchange of gifts was held after the meeting.

Does your husband dislike the usual salad of plain tossed greens? Give him the greens tossed with canned green beans, kidney beans and chick peas plus French dressing. Chances are he'll go for this!

LIONELL BROWN proudly displays his Nativity Scene in the front lobby of the East Prairie High School.

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Michael Halter, Charleston
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Fietta Coffer, Charleston
Joseph Griffin, Dexter
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Hazel White, Charleston
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Tommie Sheppard, New Madrid
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THIS FIVE - point buck was brought down by Joe R. King in Carter County near Van Buren.

UCLA Bombs LSU; Mizzou Loses; 98-79

By HERSCHEL NISSENSON
Associated Press Sports Writer

Pistol Pete Maravich faced the UCLA firing squad Tuesday night and the Bruins let him have both barrels.

The barrels were named Henry Bibby and John Vallely and they combined to limit the Louisiana State hotshot to 38 points - he was averaging 46.6, best in the nation - as the second- ranked Bruins shattered the school scoring record with a lopsided 133-84 triumph.

"UCLA should join the NBA," gasped Maravich. "They'd fit right in. They're better than last year. They just blew us out. We didn't have a chance."

UCLA ripped off a 9-0 lead, boosted it to 69-40 at the half and breezed to its fifth consecutive victory. LSU is a 6-2. While Bibby and Vallely were sticking closer to Maravich than his famed floppy socks, Curtis Bowe and Sidney Wicks were pacing a balanced Bruin attack with 23 points apiece.

"Our tactics were to pick up Maravich before he got across the midcount line and double team him early," said Coach John Wooden. The only other member of The Associated Press' Top Twenty to play Tuesday night was in action on the other side of Los Angeles. Twelfth - ranked Southern California combined a tight defense and hot shooting for a 95- 59 rout of St. John's, which was fresh from a convincing triumph over ranked Davidson.

Alternating from a man- to - man to a zone, USC forced St. John's into 28 turnovers. It was all over when the Trojans ran off 16 straight points for an 81-48 lead. Dennis Layton led USC with 24 points and Paul Westphal had 19.

Calvin Murphy, runner- up to Maravich in the scoring race, hit on 15 of 28 shots and scored 36 points as Niagara beat Xavier of Ohio 91-83. Wayne Jones chipped in with 26 points for the unbeaten Purple Eagles while Jerry Helmers paced the losers with 34.

Elsewhere, Mike Switzer scored 20 points and MVP Nate Archibald 19 as Texas - El Paso whipped Missouri 98-79 for the championship of the Sun Carnival. Texas A & M defeated Clemson 78-63 for consolation honors.

Kent State rallied from an early 10- point deficit and trimmed Duquesne 77-69. Cincinnati edged Dayton for the 14th straight time when the Flyers missed two late free throws. The score was 64-62.

Andy Owens' 39 points fired Florida past Harvard 95-75, sophomore Henry Seawright scored 33 as Manhattan trounced Connecticut 75-62, Marshall Crawford had 25 as Centenary turned back Texas Christian 69-58 and Erick Hill tallied 18 of his 24 in the second half as Minnesota beat San Diego State 79-68.

Other scores; Long Beach State 92, Lamar Tech 78; Duke 98,Wake Forest 90; Cal- Santa Barbara 67, Stanford 62.

Baboons are subject to high blood pressure, heart disease and hardening of the arteries.

GLENN ALLEN, 13, proudly displays his deer in which he downed in this years deer season. Glenn downed his buck in Bollinger County.

Oran-Matthews Pitted In Bloomfield Opener

BLOOMFIELD -- Defending tournament champ, the Oran Eagles, opens the 1969 BHS Christmas invitational Friday evening at 4:30 p.m. against eighth seeded Matthews.

Oran, who rambled through the district and regional action last season to only be stopped from an undefeated season in the final game of the year at Columbia in the Class M title game, lost four of its five starters and face a rebuilding year this season.

Class S power, Advance, was top seeded for the 16-team event that has provided numerous surprises in season's past.

A four game schedule will be played the first three evenings of play (Friday, Saturday and Monday) before switching to two game battles on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Nine of the teams entered in the event have at one time won the coveted title that has in past season's produced the best team in the district as it champ.

A wide variety of play will be exhibited, from the pattern, precession passing game of Bernie to the run-shoot antics of Puxico, Advance and Matthews.

Whatever your flavor, the Bloomfield invitational will provide it when it does open Friday for the 14th annual event.

The Schedule:
Friday
4:30 - Matthews vs. Oran
6:00 - Advance vs. Clarkton
7:30 - Richland vs. Bell City
9:00 - Dexter vs. Bloomfield
Saturday
4:30 - Parma vs. Neelyville
6:00 Malden vs. Kennett
7:30 - Bernie vs. Sikeston
9:00 - Puxico vs. Gideon

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Unbeaten Delta Heads Up Cape Tournament

CAPE GIRARDEAU -- To most of us, it is and should be the time to be Jolly, but also it is the time to attend the always exciting Yule Time Tournements held each year by the area high schools. The Cape College High Shristmas Tourney promises to be an exciting and quite interesting event as top rated teams throughout the area will see action starting Friday and continuing till a championship team is honored the following New Year's Eve.

The Number One seeded team in the tournement is Delta bringing it's undefeated (11-0) mark into the tournement. It is defending champions. Following the Bobcats, are Cape Central, seeded number two, followed by the consecutives teams in their respected order: Woodland, Chaffee, Charleston, Clear Water, Oak Ridge, and Scott Central.

First round action open at 5 p.m. Friday Night as the Kelly Hawks will Dame, in the second match. When hot, the Bluejays can almost beat any team but may find less trouble than usual with the Notre Dame squad, recently pluaged with the loss of several of its starters through illnesses. The third game of the night will find undefeated Delta, with its 11-0 record, battling with Illmo - Scott City. In he last game of the night, Chaffee will meet Lilbourn in the 9:30 p.m. contest. The Red Devils who have already reached the century mark four times this season, will meet the improving Lilbourn squad. Second round action wil find Oak Ridge and Portageville clashing at 5 p.m. Saturday. Oak Ridge, ith its good outside and inside shooting ability, will meet the Bulldogs in a head on clash. Following will be Clear Water, who play the Jackson Indians in a 6:30 contest. Clear Water, with an impressive 8-1 mark, and a Championship in the Arcadian Tournment, all ready under its belt, wilbring the Indians a tough challenge as they enter this event, new to them. In the 8 p.m. game, second seeded Cape Central will battle the East Prairie Eagles. With its tall, practically all junior squad, the Cape Central Bengals will provide quite a gmae for the Eagles. Woodland and host team College High, will meet in the final play of the opening rounds. Woodland, rated in he number three spot, in a defense of its 8-1 records, will face the rebuilding Preps.

The College High Tournement will continue the following week, Monday, when the Quarterfinal rounds will open. Followed by the Semi - finals on Tuesday and the finals on Wednesday.

The Tournement winner will have to be a tough and rugged team as he competition is as rough as it will ever be.

The Delta Bobcats will be trying to regain the championship it won last year in the tournement, but may find it rough going as all the teams will be out for the Bobcats.

Of the 16 teams entered in the Tourney, no one can be singled out as the best or the worst, for in such a game, any upset may occur at any time.

RAYMOND PAINTER of Sikeston, brought down this 9-ft. buck, while hunting near Wayne County during the gun season. It was his first deer to bring down in the last 3 years of hunting.

Photo by Jon Abbot

THE SCHEDULE:
FRIDAY
5:00 -- Kelly vs. Scott Central
6:30 -- Charleston vs. Notre Dame
8:00 -- Delta vs. Illmo - Scott City
9:30 -- Chaffee vs. Lilbourn
SATURDAY
5:00 -- Oak Ridge vs. Portageville
6:30 -- Clear Water vs. Jackson
8:00 -- Cape Central vs. East Prairie
9:30 -- Woodland vs. College High

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Niagara 91, Xavier, Ohio 83
Minnesota 79, San Diego St. 68
Cincinnati 64, Dayton 62

SOUTHWEST
Long Beach St. 92, Lamar Tech 78

Fredericktown Top Seeded For Flat River Tourney

By DAVID CRADER

FLAT RIVER -- The Flat River Central Christmas Tournament will see 14 of the lead belt area teams entered in the Yule Time contest. Of the returning teams in the tourneyment, will be Potosi, the Tournament winner last year. Fredricktown has received the Number one seed this year as the host is rated second. Following in the ratings this year are Farmington and last year's champs, Potosi, Herculaneum, St. Pius (of Festas), DeSoto, and Ellington.

Of the top teams, Fredricktown has posted a 7-0 record for its season play. Lead b Jr. guard, Rod Denmar, who is averaging 23 points, Fredricktown has developed into the team to beat in the Yule Time event.

Flat River, seeted second, also has its big man, Terry Wisdom, who provides for most of the teams points, and is able to control most of the boards with Garry Myers numerous rebounds.

Third Seeded Farmington, boasting a 6-2 record coming into the event has been lead in scoring by 6-5 senior Weiss and teammate Dickery.

Potosi, with last years championship in its hands, will pit it's 5-1 season record on the line as it will try to regain the championship. Lead by 6-5 senior, Bailey, who is averaging 30 points a game, Potosi definitely has a crack at the championship once again.

This years Farmington Christmas Tourneyment will be a tough contest, as both brackets in the tourney provide tough and rugged competition for the represented teams. In the Christmas tradition at Flat River, a large crowd is expected at all games, where each battle will find two teams clashing in hopes of a victory and a crack at the Championship.

The Schedule
Friday - December 26
(4:30) Ellington vs Valley (St. Genieve)
(6:00) Fredricktown vs N. County (Delous)
)7:30) Potosi vs Leadwood
(9:00) DeSoto vs Perryville
Saturday - December 27
(6:00) St. Pius (Festus) vs St. Genevie Public
(7:30) Farmington vs Greenville
(9:00) Elling vs Valley Winner vs Fredricktown vs N. County Winner
Monday - December 29
(6:00) Herculaneum vs Potosi vs Leadwood Winner
(7:30) Flat River Central vs DeSotos Perryville Winner
(9:00) St. Puis St. Genevie Winner vs Farmington vs Greenville Winner
Tuesday - Semi - Finals
Wednesday - Finals

BUD MALONE, and his son STEVEN, display their two deer which they downed near Van Buren during the gun season. Malone, an employee in the sports dept. at Homestead Distributing Company, and his son downed the two bucks on the second day of the deer season.

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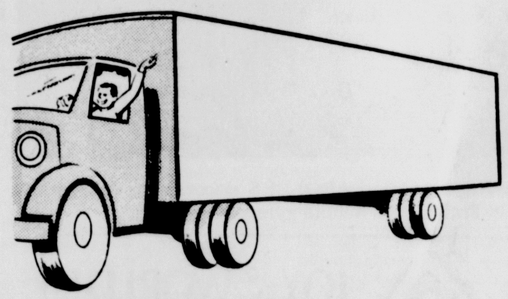

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FIRST PLACE WINNER in the door category of the Women's Improvement Club's Christmas lighting contest at East Prairie was Miss Mary Ellen Russell. The door, covered in crimson foil, was outlined with greenery decorated with multi-colored ornaments. A center wreath in the shape of a Christmas tree, featured crimson flowers and bows topped with a gold angel.

A SPECIAL AWARD was presented Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hunter for their door decoration in the East Prairie Christmas lighting contest. Blue tinsel outlined a light blue panel featuring a Christmas tree of turquoise shaped with gold roping. Gold doves fluttered over the door panel which was headed "Peace"

Washington Report
by Symington

SYMINGTON CITES PROGRESS IN VOCATIONAL TRAINING

WASHINGTON, D. C. - Nearing the close of the first session of the 91st Congress, the Senate completed action on appropriations for several programs of importance to Missouri including vocational education and job training.

During this decade, through action by Congress, past Administrations, and state and local agencies, major advances have been made in providing educational and job training opportunities for those young Americans who do not chose to, or are unable to attend college.

In this year's legislation the Senate approved $488.7 million for vocational education in local schools, or nearly double the amount proposed by the Administration. Included in the vocational education system is a special work - study program designed to assist approximately 50,000 needy non-college students during the coming months.

It is estimated that as a result of the Vocational Education Acts of 1963 and 1968, both of which I supported, 30.6 million young Americans have received special job oriented training before leaving high school. During 1968, a total of 110,172 Missouri students participated in the vocational education program compared with 81,485 in 1965.

In addition to vocational education programs, the Senate - passed bill includes major increases in funds available to local communities for adult job training and re-training. As a result of the Manpower Development and Training Acts of 1962 and 1968, approximately 2 million men and women have received job related training to meet employment needs in their local communities.

SIX MILLION AMERICANS. A number of other efforts have been launched in recent years to assist in meeting the need for non-college training, including the Concentrated Employment Program, Operation Mainstream for rural counties, Adult Education, New Careers, Special Impact and JOBS. Together these programs, developed and directed on the local level to meet local employment needs, have helped more than 6 million men and women, including many in Missouri.

It may also be noted that the educational provisions under the Cold War GI bill have provided one and a half million young veterans with post-service training. And through Federal grants and loans many community colleges and junior colleges in Missouri and throughout the nation have been aided in their efforts to provide special vocational training.

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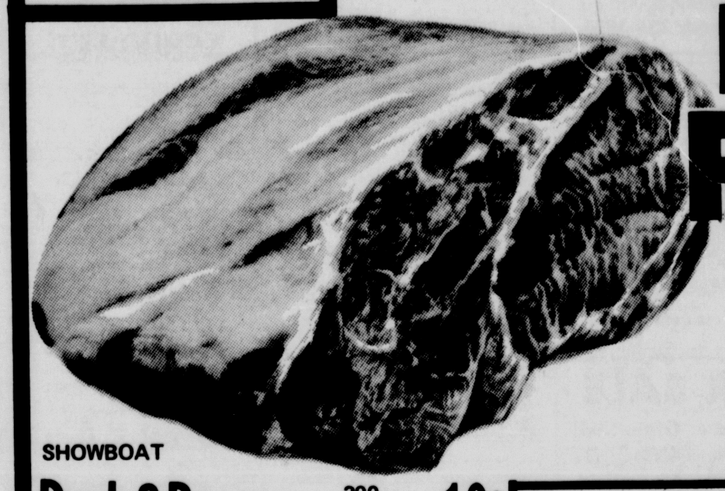

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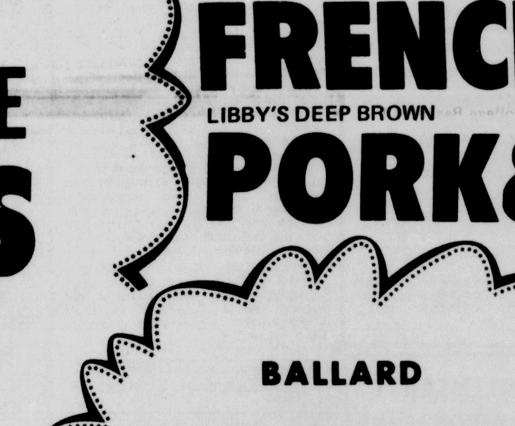

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Notice is hereby given that a final settlement and petition for determination of the persons who are the successors in interest to the personal and real property of the decedent and of the extent and character of their interests therein and for distribution of such property, will be filed in the Probate Court of Scott County, Missouri by the undersigned on the 22nd day of January, 1969 or as continued by the court, and that any objections or exceptions to such settlement or petition or any item thereof must be in writing and filed within ten days after the filing of such settlement.

Kenneth Eifert
Administrator
1212 Perryville Road,
Cape Girardeau, Mo.
Telephone Number: 334-4020
RADER AND GRIMM
Attorney
2 North Pacific
Cape Girardeau, Missouri
Telephone Number 334-4448
75-81-87-93

TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, Kenneth G. Liggons and Frances G. Liggons, his wife, by a certain Deed of Trust dated the 4th day of October, 1968, and recorded in the office of the Recorder of Deeds for the County of Scott and State of Missouri, in Book 162, Page 261, conveyed to H. F. Brehm, Trustee, the following described real estate situated in the County of Scott and State of Missouri, to-wit:

All of Lot Numbered Three (3), in Block Numbered Two (2), in McClure's Subdivision as Re-Platted, in Sikeston, Scott County, Missouri, as shown in Plat Book Number Eight (8) at Page Number Fourteen (14) thereof, in the office of the Recorder of Deeds of Said Scott County, Missouri, Excepting from the above all rights- of- way and easements, if any, affecting the same.

Which conveyance was made to the Trustee, H. F. Brehm, in trust to secure the payment of a certain Promissory Note in said Deed specified; and,

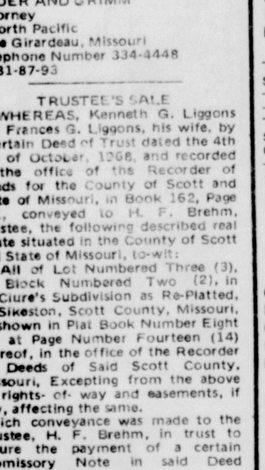
WHEREAS, said note is now past due and remains unpaid default having been made in the payment of said note.

And WHEREAS, the duly appointed Trustee H.F. Brehm, has declined to act or serve as Trustee and the undersigned is hereby empowered by said Deed of Trust to serve as successor or substitute Trustee, having heretofore been appointed to serve as such.

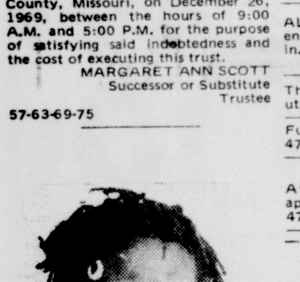
NOW, THEREFORE, at the request of the legal holder of said Note and in the pursuance of the conditions of said Deed of Trust the undersigned Trustee will sell the property above described at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash at the East front door of the County Court House in Benton, Scott County, Missouri, on December 26, 1969, between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. for the purpose of satisfying said indebtedness and the cost of executing this trust.

MARGARET ANN SCOTT
Successor or Substitute Trustee

57-63-69-75



AFRICAN CHILD of Northern Cameroon is covered with dust, revealing hygiene problems raised by lack of water. With only one doctor for every 77,000 persons, scarcity of water is a chief obstacle to better health. The government, with the help of UNICEF, is establishing a chain of "demonstration zones" in different areas, each designed to form the nucleus of a comprehensive rural health service.



Only 64 days of the year do not have a legal holiday somewhere in the world. The World Almanac says. July is the most crowded holiday month, having 29 days with observances. December has the fewest legal holidays with 21. No holiday enjoys universal legal recognition, but New Year's Day probably comes closest with 58 of 76 major nations celebrating the New Year on Jan. 1.

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WEDNESDAY EVENING			
5	30 The Regional News 45 The Scoreboard-Color 50 Watching the Weather-	30 Huntley-Brinkley	
6	00 CBS Evening News-Co 30 Hee Haw-Color	00 News Picture - c 30 Virginian -	00 Cactus Pete 25 Weather (C) 30 Flying Nun
7	30 Beverly Hillbillies		00 Courtship of Eddie's Father 30 Room 222 (C)
8	00 Medical Center-	00 Kraft Music Hall -	00 Wed Night Movie Busy Body
9	00 Hawaii Five-O-Color	:00 Then Came Bronson	
10	00 Channel 12 Reports 15 The Late Weather- 25 The Sports Final- 30 The Merv Griffin	00 News Picture - c :30 Accent - c	00 Weather & News :10 Joey Bishop (C)
11		11:00 Tonight Show -	
12	00 Late News Highlights		:10 News & Sign Off
THURSDAY MORNING			
6	00 Sunrise Semester-Color 30 Gospel Train-Color 45 Ch. 12 Breakfast Show-	30 TV Party Time	
7	00 CBS Morning News-Color 30 Ch. 12 Breakfast Show-	00 Today Show	
8	30 Thanksgiving Day Parade-	8-9 Pre-Thanksgiving Parade-c	
9	00 Lucy Show-CBS 30 Beverly Hillbillies	00 Macy's Parade-c	00 Jack Lalanne 30 Morning Movie
10	00 Andy Griffith Show- 30 Love of Life-Color	00 Personality - c :10 Hollywood Squares	
11	00 NFL Today-Color CBS (Minnesota at Detroit)	00 Jeopardy - c :30 Eye Guess - :55 Edwin Newman	00 Bewitched 30 That Girl (C)
12	00 The Farm Picture- 05 The Noonday News- 20 Watching the Weather- 30 As the World Turns-	12:30 - AFL Game Denver at Kansas	:00 Dream House (C) :30 Lets Make A Deal
1	00 Love Many Splend Thing- 30 The Guiding Light-Color		00 Newlywed Game 30 Dating Game (C
2	00 The Secret Storm-Color 30 The Edge of Night-Color		00 General Hospital 30 One Life To Live
3	00 Gomer Pyle USMC-Color 30 Magic Castle Cartoon	c 3:00 AFL Game San Diego at Houston	:00 :30
4	00 The Mike Douglas Show	00 Popeye - c 30 Rawhide - (ends Thurs. -Perry Mason	4:00 The Hour (C) 5:00 Cartoons 5:30 Evening News

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7	00 The Jim Nabors Hour	00 Bing Crosby Show -	00 That Girl 30 Bewitched
8	00 CBS Thursday Night Movie (The Americanization of Emily- Julie Andrews & James Garner)	00 Bob Hope Special -	00 Tom Jones
9		00 Dean Martin	00 It Takes A Thief
10	00 CHANNEL 12 REPORTS 15 THE LATE WEATHER- 25 THE SPORTS FINAL- 30 MERV GRIFFIN SHOW	00 News Picture 30 Tonight Show	00 Weather & News 10 Joey Bishop (C)
11			
12	05 LATE NEWS HIGHLIGHTS		00 News & Sign Off
FRIDAY MORNING			
6	00 BLACK HERITAGE-COLOR 30 GOSPEL TRAIN-COLOR 45 CH. 12 BREAKFAST SHOW-		
7	00 CBS MORNING NEWS- 30 CH. 12 BREAKFAST SHOW-		
8	00 CAPTAIN KANGAROO-		
9	00 LUCY SHOW-CBS 30 BEVERLY HILLBILLIES-	00 Bumper Room - c 25 Nancy Dickerson :30 Concentration -	00 Jack Lalanne 30 Morning Movie
10	00 ANDY GRIFFITH SHOW- 30 Love of Life-Col	00 Personality - c :30 Hollywood Squares	
11	00 Where The Heart Is- 25 Midday News-Color-C 30 Search for Tomorrow-	00 Jeopardy - c 30 Eye Guess - 55 Edwin Newman	00 Bewitched 30 That Girl
12	00 THE FARM PICTURE- 05 THE NOONDAY NEWS- 20 WATCHING THE WEATHER 30 AS THE WORLD TURNS-	00 News, Farm Markets :25 Pastor Speaks - c :30 You're Putting Me On -	00 Dream House (C) 30 Lets Make A Deal
1	00 LOVE MANY SPLEND THING- 30 THE GUIDING LIGHT-C	:00 Days of our Lives :30 The Doctors -	00 Newlywed Game 30 Dating Game (C
2	00 THE SECRET STORM- 30 THE EDGE OF NIGHT-	00 Another World 30 You Don't Say	00 General Hospital 30 One Life To Live
3	00 Gomer Pyle USMC-Color-C 30 THE MAGIC CASTLE CARTOON	00 Match Game - 25 Floyd Kalber 30 It Takes Two 55 Calendar -	00 Dark Shadows (C) 30 M-Modern Almanac T-W-T-Problems & Challenges F-Lawman
4	00 The Mike Douglas Show	00 Popeye :30 Rawhide	00 The Hour

The most decisive military victory in U.S. history came in the Battle of New Orleans on Jan. 8, 1815. According to The World Almanac, 3,500 U.S. troops under command of Gen. Andrew Jackson engaged 5,300 of the British. Enemy casualties numbered over 2,000, while the Americans lost only 71 men. Unknown to both sides, a peace treaty ending the war had been signed 15 days before the battle began.

Modern science has finally borne out what Popeye has been declaring for years: Spinach does provide more energy. The World Almanac says that nutrition experts at the National Academy of Sciences attest to the bright green leaf topping nearly all vegetables in all-round nutritive values. Spinach contains the most iron and vitamin A of all popular vegetables, with above-average doses of vitamin C and calcium.

Frankly Speaking

By

THOMAS F. EAGLETON
U.S. Senator—Missouri

CHRISTMAS 1969

A politician can hardly resist the temptation to bubble over with good cheer at this season of the year. Christmas is a time of happiness and joy -- and politicians who may disagree on everything else are unanimous in their support of happiness and joy.

Frankly speaking, I have become a bit of a Scrooge about Christmas. I treasure the date as one of deep religious and moral significance. But I deplore the way in which it has been so horribly over - commercialized and impersonalized.

As citizens of an enormously prosperous nation, I feel that we too often unwittingly tend to measure the depth of our tribute to Christ with such tangibles as gifts, parties, cards and the like.

I have observed people shopping in some of our giant stores with long lists of names and dollars amounts indicating the cost of the presents which they received last year. The unmuttered motto seems to be "I'm not going to be outdone this year!"

In Washington, D. C., Christmas time is "party time." Almost every organization which has any kind of legislative ax to grind has a Christmas party to wish all of the Congressmen and Senators a "Merry Christmas" and a very merry voting new year in 1970, it goes without saying.

The Post Office Department has to double its mail delivery service to get all of the cards and packages distributed.

There are even some persons who are so busy in this work - a - day world that they don't have time to compile a list of personal friends to whom to send Christmas cards. So they buy a mailing list of names and off go thousands and thousands of heartfelt greetings to thousands and thousands of unknown names on a mailing list. For instance, I was thrilled to receive a particularly garish card from a cheese company in Wisconsin. It warmed my heart that they were thinking of me way out there.

But, alas, even the Scrooge of Charles Dickens found that his veneer of detached isolation could not resist the spirit of Christmas.

I, therefore, cast aside my petty irritations over those who abuse the simple, but grand, beauty of the occasion and express my inner hopes.

We celebrate the birth of Christ, the Prince of Peace. It is my prayerful hope, under the guidance of God, that we can move closer to the day when in truth there is peace on earth ... peace in a war - torn world where major conflagrations abound ... peace in our cities where the divisions and bitterness of racial turmoil continue to simmer and sometimes boil -- peace of mind to the citizenry of a troubled, divided but great nation which struggles to reconcile its noble precepts with some of its less noble practices.

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

Coffee Corner

—by Cherie—

As if decorating a house, and tree, baking cookies, buying and wrapping gifts, making candy, and helping Charles out at the office wasn't enough, I also had to go and have a tonsillectomy thrown in there for good measure! No, it wasn't me, but the young one Brete who trotted off last Tuesday like the brave soul he was, and who emerged unscathed from the whole ordeal. I'm still sick!!! Not that I didn't have perfect confidence in the good doctor who performed the operation, cause I did. I just didn't have perfect confidence in Brete's ability to stop bleeding and, or keep breathing. I tell you that was the longest half hour I ever spent in my life. I offered to assist in surgery thinking this way I'd know for sure ever breath he took, ——— but unfortunately, I was turned down. Why, they wouldn't even let me peek through a crack in the door! However, thanks to the fact that it was early in the morning and all the doctors (gee doctors can be sweet), were coming in for their morning rounds, it wasn't really too bad, cause everyone of them went in to look at Brete for me and assure me he was still alive - there were six so that made one every 5 minutes and that helped a lot. I'll bet Brete's poor doctor felt like he was on parade, but I love him, cause he didn't say one ugly word to me about that steady stream of visitors, and he just shook his head once or twice - he's a very dear and old friend and he understands about mamas and their hyper tensions. However, speaking of tensions - Charles who kept telling me to quit acting like a goose cause there was nothing to be nervous about, got me up two hours early (it was dawn and I'd just gotten to sleep after at least 16 operations), cracked his knuckles till I thought I'd scream, and then forgot to bring the childs suitcase up and had to go back for it - boy I'm glad I was nervous and not Charles! Anyway, alls well that ends well, and if you'd like to see 2 fat tonsils and 1 puffy adnoid, drop by the house and look at the jar sitting in a place of honor on the bar in the den. Ugh - bugs or innards, I don't know which is worse - one thing I do know for sure, don't ever unscrew any lids around our house cause you might just get more than you bargained for!

Merry Christmas All!

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Looking Back

Ogilvie Daughter Home

50 Years Ago
December 24, 1919

Miss Emma Ogilvie, who is attending school in St. Louis this winter, arrived Friday to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Erma Ogilvie.

Ralph Potashnick, Ned Tanner, nd Billie Smith are home from Western Military Academy to spend a two weeks vacation with their parents.

The Ford truck has been put to a new use. Thursday night of last week Heub Williams, J.W. Pitman and Clarence Felker went rabbit hunting, using the front lights to blind the rabbits. They succeded in getting three in this way when the lights failed them. In olden days when deer were plentiful, pine tourches were used to "shine" the deer at night so they could be shot.

Mrs. F.M. Sikes entertained the following guests at dinner Monday evening: Mr. and Mrs. Ned Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. Ranney Applegate, Mr. and Mrs. Emory Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. Thornton Wilson, Miss Mary Ross and Will Sikes.

40 Years Ago
December 24, 1929

Jack Watson, mother and sister have moved in the apartment recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Phelps.

Mr. and Mrs. Lon J. Ables announce the birth of a little son born December 7.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Polk are planning to move to Poplar Bluff in the near future.

Dear Santa Claus: I am seven years old. Mrs. Davis is my teacher. Please bring me a doll and a little rocking chair, and some mixed candy and a pair of skates. Do not forget my little brothers and I sure will thank you lots. Your good friend, Mary Waldman.

30 Years Ago
December 24, 1939

Mr. and Mrs. Kendall Sikes are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son Saturday at Southeast Missouri Hospital in Cape Girardeau. The child has been named Alfred Calvin II.

Sikeston Public School news. Evelyn Klein, freshman representative, reigned as queen of the Junior Carnival held Friday night at the high school gym.

The Dillion Theater in Morehouse will open today in the former Dan Ulen building, which has been extensively remodeled. Latest equipment has been installed to make it a first class theater. It will seat 400 p ons. W.H. Dillon is the owner nd his son, Kinnard Dillon ill be manager.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Childress are parents of a son born at St. Mary's Infirmery in Cairo, Ill., Monday afternoon.

20 Years Ago
December 24, 1949

Mrs. W.H. Branum, 76, Hornersville, mother of P.V. Branum of Sikeston, died at noon on the 22nd according to the word received by Mr. and Mrs. Branum.

Christmas is always a special occasion for all families but from this year on it will be more significant for three distnict couples. They are parents of babies born Christmas Day at the Delta Community Hospital. First to arrive was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Vandergriff of East Prairie. The second was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edsel Wylie of Lilbourn. An infant boy, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Loveless Kitchens of Bloomfield, was the third to be born on Christmas.

Funeral services for Doyle P. Cloud, 31, manager of the Dunn Hotel Coffee Shop, who died in a St. Louis Hospital Christmas night of a cerebral hemorrhage, were held at the Christian Church today.

Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Carroll are parents of a daughter born today at the Delta Community Hospital. The daughter has been named Bonnie Jean. Mrs. Carroll is the former Miss Bonnie New of Matthews.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Schuenenberg are parents of a son born at the hospital on the 20th. He has been named Paul Mitchell Schuerenberg.

One Arrest

DEXTER - Carl O. Jerrel, Dexter, was arrested Monday at 9:10 p.m. on a charge of drinking and driving, police said.

Centuries ago the Spanish believed that copper grew in the ground. They thought if an exhausted copper mine was left alone, it would become productive again.

PACKAGES routed through the post office reached its peak over the weekend. The peak of delivery to homes was today. Bobby Gentry sorts packages and at right is Bill Guess with back to camera.

Mail Box

Mr. Blanton,

I thought that you might like to see this. This was written by a 13 year old scout of my scout troop. He delivered this letter to a group of scouters at Two Tonys this past week. This would be some good news for the paper.

Respectuflly yours
in scouting
Jerry A. Hampton
Scoutmaster
Troop 41 Sikeston, Mo.
(written by Star Scout Prince McDougal).

Merry Christmas to you Sir, and your family.

WHAT SCOUTING MEANS TO ME
Prince McDougal

Scouting, to me means being amongs friends, new friends, and old friends. The boys and men who do not participate in scouting do not, in my opinion know what they're missing. Most people, when Scouting is mentioned instantly vision boys camping outdoors. This is what I think of, being among nature and feeling close to God. But Scouting is much more. It's proving things to yourself that you never believe yourself capable of before. It makes men and boys feel closer together. It give you an inner proudness that only scouts feel, no matter what rank or age. Scouting is not as much the uniform but the attitude only scouts know.

It means the scout law, the oath, the motto and slogan. It means hiking along a river, frying bacon oven an open fire, diving into a cold sleeping bag. It means being with your patrol and troop at meetings, working on merit badges, and passing requirements. It means being able to visit historic trails where our forefathers have fought and died, to visit unchanged forests, streams, and plains. It means being among friends for Scouting is a fellowship of men and boys. But most of all it means being close to God, for God holds Scouting up.

The Prayer *from The Upper Room*

For unto us a child is born . . . and his name shall be called Wonderful, Consellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The prince of Peaces. (Isiah 6:6)

PRAYER: Help us to remember that as the children of God we must be peacemakers, even when positive, action is involved. Help us to remember that we must be our brother's brother. Keep in our hearts the knowledge that it is in acts of peace making that men see the face of God. Amen.

The word "monsoon"—periodic winds in certain latitudes—comes from the Arabic word "mausim" which means a time, a season. At first monsoon referred to the winds over the Arabian Sea, which blow six months from the northeast and six months from the southwest, says The World Almanac. Later the word was used to refer to similar winds in other parts of the world. In India, the southwest monsoon is almost synonymous with "rain" which the wind brings.

If You Were the Judge

Heat in Lease Must Be Spelled Out

By Jack Strauss, LL.B.

Rufus rented an apartment from Mr. Hoople under a lease that required Mr. Hoople, as landlord, to supply Rufus with heat. Rufus, was an artist who painted nude and lightly clad models for a living. While the attractive models may have kept Rufus's mind off the temperature, the models complained bitterly that the apartment was too cold for them to feel in the nude to work.

Consequently, Rufus finally packed up his canvases and smock and vacated the apartment. When he did, Mr. Hoople sued him to collect the rent still due under the unexpired portion of his lease.

"Now I know why Gainsborough painted 'The Blue Boy,'" stated Rufus in court. "His miserly landlord didn't give him enough heat and neither did mine. Thus, I had a right to move."

"That's not so," retorted Mr. Hoople. "I gave him all the heat the law required. Not one degree more and not one degree less. If his models required more heat," concluded the landlord, "Rufus should have rented a steam bath as a studio and not an apartment."

IF YOU WERE THE JUDGE, would you require Rufus to pay the rent for the unexpired portion of his lease?

This is how the judge held that under his lease, Mr. Hoople was obligated to supply heat. But it was not part of his lease to have to supply more heat than normal in order to satisfy the needs of nude or partially dressed women.

(Based upon a 1964 New York Civil Court Decison)

ARMED FORCES

AN KHE, VIETNAM (AHTNC) -- Army Private First Class Roy L. Williams, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman R. Williams, Lilbourn, Mo., was assigned Nov. 11 to the 60th Artillery near An Khe, Vietnam, as an automatic weapons crewman.

His wife, Elizabeth, lives in Clayton.

BARBS

By PHIL PASTORET

Be kind to your nurse. You have a choice between getting your back rubbed or your neck wrung, at bedtime.

Disgruntled patient says one reason the hospitals are so crowded is because of the lethal effects of their coffee.

Be sure you know how to drive a bargain before you buy one.

In the hospital, they give you something to make you sleep — and yank you wide-awake to give it to you.

The Housatonic River, which rises in Washington, Mass., flows down through Connecticut and empties into Long Island Sound, is noted by The World Almanac to be 148 miles in length. Its course is famous for its rich foliage and rustic beauty, so much so that Oliver Wendell Holmes was once prompted to pun: "The best of all tonics is the Housatonic."

Marriage Licenses Placed on File

BLOOMFIELD - Marriage licenses field by the recorder, Mrs. Ethal Crities:

Leonard Elmer Rampley Jr. and Carol Ann Scherffuis, both of Bell City; Aubrey Keith Hammon and Flora Eveline Foster, both of Puxico; Bobby Joe Hays and Laura Belle Manley, both of Doniphan;

Steven Sherwood Davis of Dexter and Lyndia Kaye Leirer of Bloomfield; and James Franklin Smith and Mary Alice Hunt of East Prairie.

Four Arrests

DEXTER— Willis Dement was arrested Sunday on a charge of being drunk and disorderly and assaulting a police officer. Web Reeves was also arrested on the same charge, police said.

Bruce Walker and Lonnie W. Beasley was arrested on charges of careless and imprudent driving, police said.

William Sommer was arrested for speeding.

Currently in the United States, 70 per cent of its 200 million people live on slightly more than 1 per cent of the land. The other 30 per cent live on the remaining 99 per cent of the land, in small towns, in rural areas or on farms. The World Almanac notes that about 11.6 million persons, or less than 6 per cent of the population, were living on farms in 1966.

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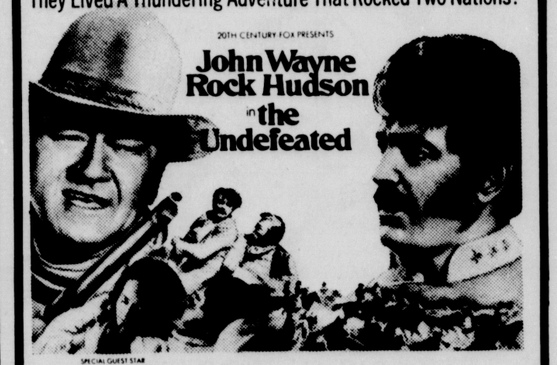

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Today In U.S. History

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Wednesday, Dec. 24, the 358th day of 1969. There are seven days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On this date in 1814, the United States and England signed the Treaty of Ghent in Belgium ending the War of 1812.

On this date:

In 1524, the Portuguese navigator who discovered the sea route to India, Vasco da Gama, died.

In 1650, Edinburgh Castle in Scotland surrendered to the forces of Oliver Cromwell.

In 1865, a secret order called the Ku Klux Klan was organized in Pulaski, Tenn.

In 1942, France's Admiral Darlan was assassinated in Algiers.

In 1943, President Franklin D. Roosevelt announced Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower would command Allied forces in the coming invasion of Europe.

In 1949, a new Christmas song swept the country. It was called "Rudolph, the Red-nosed Reindeer."

Ten years ago — The State Department announced that the United States and Russia would resume negotiations for a settlement of Russia's World War II lend-lease debts.

Five years ago — An American officer's billet was bombed in Saigon; two were killed and 98 injured.

One year ago — The Apollo 8 astronauts orbited the moon and sent back a Christmas Eve prayer for peace.

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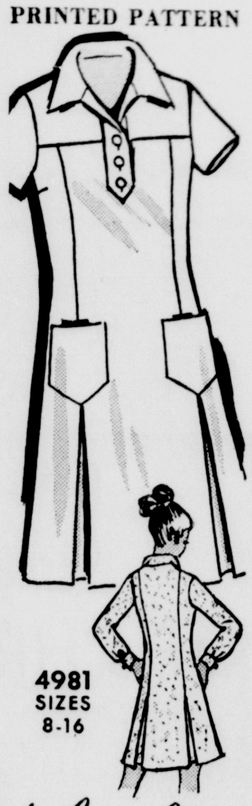

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3 Be	33 Your	63 Season's	
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5 Folks	35 Cards	65 Cheer	
6 Faces	36 Delayed	66 Good	
7 Spirit	37 Packages	67 And	
8 Are	38 Today	68 You're	
9 Indicated	39 And	69 To	
10 Of	40 Cheer	70 Inspiration	
11 Spread	41 Startling	71 Remember	
12 Love	42 May	72 You	
13 Good	43 And	73 Cheer	
14 Sex	44 Thankful	74 Light	
15 Pervades	45 Friend	75 Too	
16 Tries	46 Cause	76 Where	
17 Delays	47 Facts	77 Truth	
18 In	48 For	78 Will	
19 Greeting	49 May	79 You	
20 An	50 Cards	80 Greeting	
21 Irritating	51 Best	81 You	
22 To	52 Ask	82 Friends	
23 Some	53 For	83 Out	
24 Make	54 Pertinent	84 Can	
25 Today	55 May	85 May	
26 Oldtime	56 Questions	86 Occur	
27 If	57 The	87 Concern	
28 Surprising	58 Spreading	88 Indulgent	
29 Events	59 Disappoint	89 Today	
30 Dear	60 May	90 Today	

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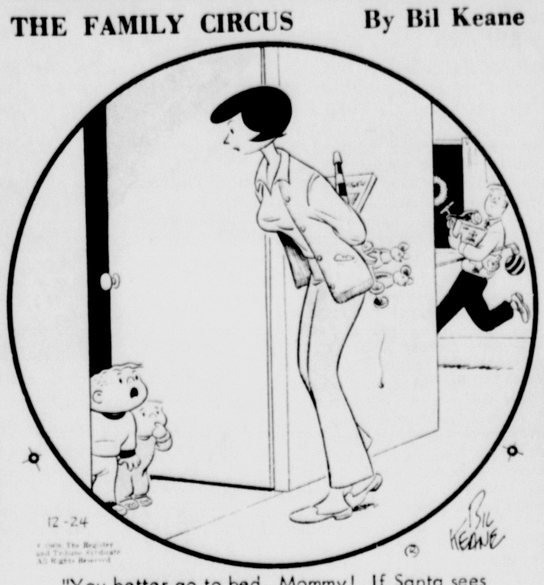


"You better go to bed, Mommy! If Santa sees you're still up he might not stop here!"

CARNIVAL By Dick Turner

"Hey, Sis, how about lending me one of your panty-stockings?"

TIZZY by Kate Osann

"The next time I'm asked to baby-sit for you my price is going up—and it won't be because of inflation!"

Christmas

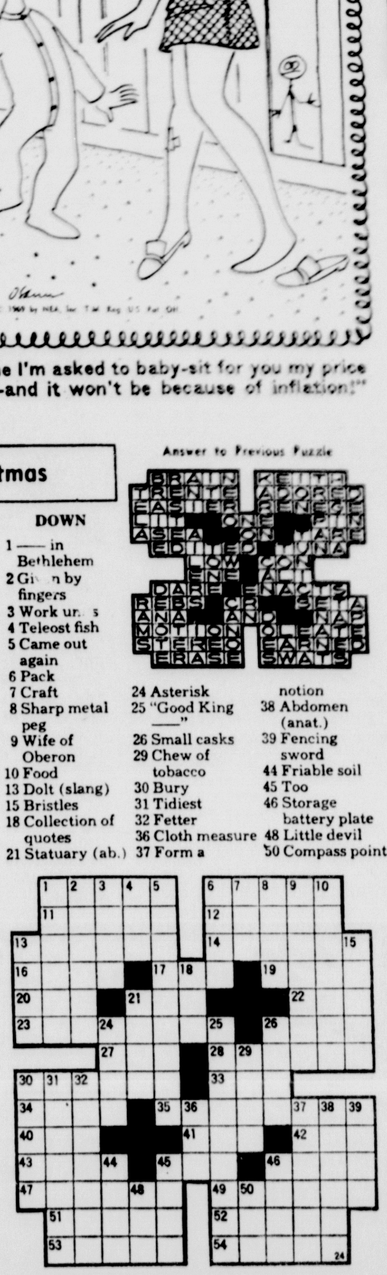
ACROSS

1 Christmas ——
6 —— Claus
11 Street show
12 Track worn by passage
13 Bracelet
14 Inflammation (med.)
16 Equalizing allowance
17 Craw
19 Fabric of metal threads
20 Bullfight cheer
21 Japanese coin
22 Seine
23 Former mattress filler
26 Girl's name
27 Child's game
28 Make identical in value
30 Tenant in prison
33 Story point (coll.)
34 Close to
35 Conclusive
40 Light brown
41 Conducted
42 Deputy (ab.)
43 And others (ab.)
45 Entire
46 Heredity factor
47 Flinch
49 Oxygenate
51 Triumphant hands at bridge
52 Combine
53 Rhythm
54 Jewish festival

DOWN

1 —— in Bethlehem
2 Given by fingers
3 Work units
4 Teleost fish
5 Came out again
6 Pack
7 Craft
8 Sharp metal peg
9 Wife of Oberon
10 Food
13 Dolt (slang)
15 Bristles
18 Collection of quotes
21 Statuary (ab.)
24 Asterisk
25 "Good King ——"
26 Small casks
29 Chew of tobacco
30 Bury
31 Tidiest
32 Fetter
36 Cloth measure
37 Form a notion
38 Abdomen (anat.)
39 Fencing sword
44 Friable soil
45 Too
46 Storage battery plate
48 Little devil
50 Compass point

Answer to Previous Puzzle



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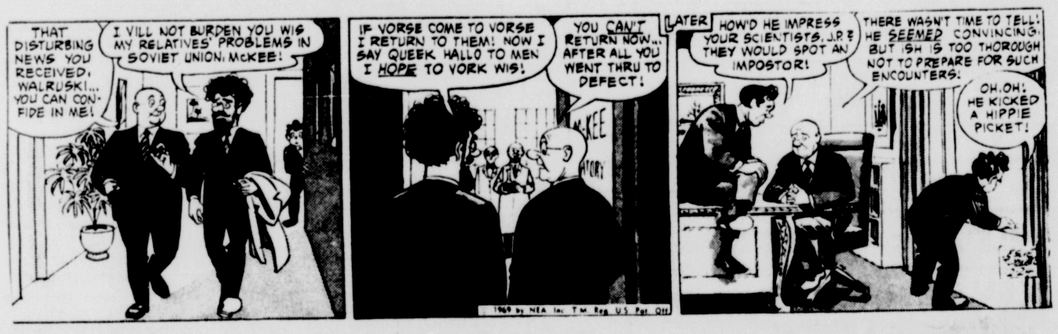

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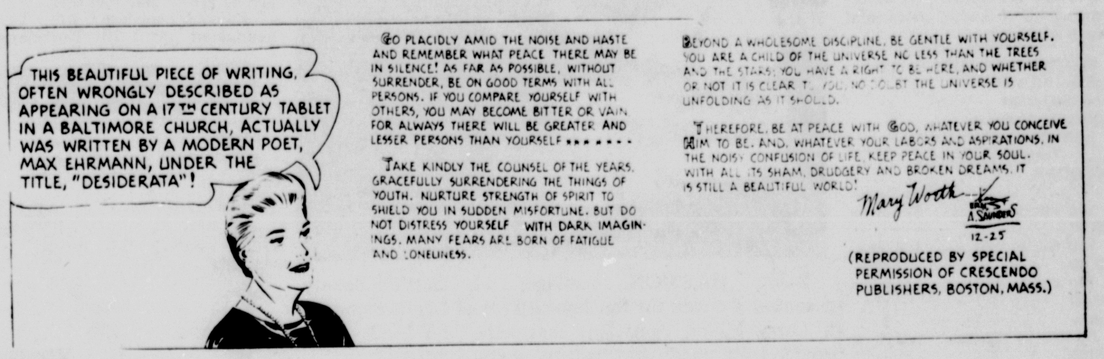

DUNCE CAP is not standard equipment for Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen. Photographer John Bowen's camera angle caused juxtaposition of statue and church steeple in Tromso, Norway.

TIZZY by Kate Osann

"Margie always saves the ribbons from her Christmas presents to tie up her love letters. Boy! Is she up to here in ribbons!"

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	20 All	50 At	80 Yourself
	21 Of	51 Use	81 Your
	22 Someone	52 You	82 Intellect
	23 Red	53 Well	83 Your
	24 Of	54 Down	84 Circle
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People and Things

ACROSS

1 Companion of Dick and Harry
4 Pigeon
8 "Anna and the King of ——"
12 Screen director Lupino
13 Regrets
14 Competent
15 Unit of wire measurement
16 Indispensable
18 Enrolls
20 Relieved
21 Worm
22 Enthusiastic ardor
24 Semiprecious gem
26 Scheme
27 Obscure
30 Payment back
32 Unruffled
34 More tranquil
35 Expunges
36 Exist
37 Clamps
39 Cravats
40 Hybrid animal
41 Pronoun
42 Flavor
45 Green crops for fodder
49 Merchandise marking
51 Inlet
52 River in France
53 Indolent
54 Falsehood
55 Light touches
56 Plant ovule
57 Abstract being

DOWN

1 Measurable duration
2 Norse god
3 Ductile
4 Attire
5 Remove, as from office
6 Ship, for instance
7 Compass point
8 Archfiend
9 Wading bird
10 Winglike processes
11 Term in pinochle
17 Tidier
19 Moslem religion
23 Misplaces
24 Killer whale
25 Fruit
26 Position of jeopardy
27 Pleasing
28 Arrow poison
29 Disorder
31 Holding right
33 Musteline mammal
38 Rearing
40 Fashions
41 Toured afoot
42 Cease
43 Operatic solo
44 Time gone by
46 Shield bearing
47 Acquire
48 Organs of sight
50 Wrong (prefix)

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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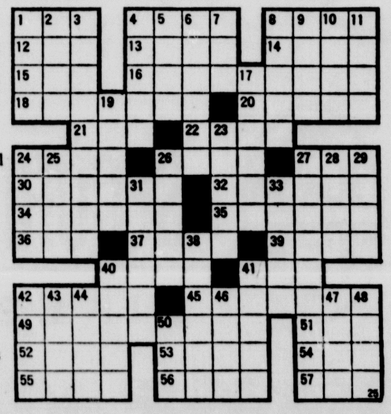

Local Stocks

	BID	ASK
1st Nt. Bk. of Sik.	5¾	6½
Anheuser Busch	71½	71¾
Ark Mo Power	13	13½
Calverts Explor	5	5¼
Clinton Oil	8¾	9
Frontier Tower	2	2½
Hamilton Cosco	12	
Olson Bros.	3	3¼
Malone & Hydee	19¼	19¾
Mo Beef Packers	24¾	
Pabst Brewing	44½	45¼
R. H. Medical	16½	17½
Wetterau	24	24¾
LISTED STOCKS		
Airlift Int.		2
Allied Stores		27¼
Amer Tel & Tel		49¾
Chrysler		33¾
Columbia Gas		25¼
Eaton Mfg.		39¾
Ford Motors		41¾
New Eng. Elec.		20¾
Transogram		13½

EDITORS NOTE: The bid price is the approximate price if one were a seller and the asked price is the approximate price if one were a buyer.

Quotations furnished by Hugh T. McCollum registered representative for Fusz Schmelzle and Co. 1405 East Malone. Phone 471-5350.

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190 lbs. to 240 lbs - $27.50 to $28.30
160 lbs. to 180 lbs. - $25.00 to $27.30
140 lbs. to 150 lbs. - $24.00 to $30.00
Shotas-
60 lbs. to 130 lbs. - $25.00 to $35.00
SOWS:
400 lbs. down - $21.00 to $23.00
Total Cattle 240 Head
BURCHER CATTLE-
Choice - $28.00 to $28.50
Good - $27.50 to $28.00
Commercial - $25.00 to $27.00
Utility - $24.00 to $25.00
Canners and Cutters - $17.50 to $22.00
Veal - $25.00 to $40.00
Bulls - $22.00 to $25.00
STOCKER CALVES-
Choice - $35.00 to $36.00
Good - $33.00 to $35.00
Medium - $30.00 to $31.00
Plain - $26.00 to $28.00
STOCKER COWS-
Choice - $21.50 to $22.50
Good - $21.00 to $22.00
Medium - $20.50 to $20.75
Plain - $20.00 to $19.00

REMARKS - Hog top was $28.30 on No. 1. Butcher hogs in good demand, with sows steady to strong. We will have several good feeder hogs here next Monday. Cattle market was steady. We had a light run for Christmas vacation. Expect a good run for next week.

Earl McCallister

JOEL MONTGOMERY writes a check for the Sikeston Jaycees Tree of Lights campaign. The funds raised provides Christmas toys, candy and fruit for needy children.

RUSS HARMON, manager of Hart's Bakery, presented a check for the Jaycee Tree of Lights campaign to Larry Miller, campaign chairman. The funds raised provide toys, candy and fruit to needy children.

MODEL CHAPEL

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP) — "We're told we have the largest interdenominational campus religious program in the nation," says the Rev. Dr. John H. McCombe, dean of the Syracuse University Chapel. Up to 1,000 gatherings monthly are scheduled there. Students plan the worship services and other events.

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OBITUARY

FRANK CARTER

CAPE GIRARDEAU - Frank Carter, 16 North Park, a barber for 62 years, died this morning in a Cape Girardeau hospital after an illness of several weeks.

Born June 19, 1886, in the State of Kentucky, Mr. Carter was 83 years old.

Mr. Carter married the former Miss Addie Mercer Dec. 23, 1909 near Morley. She survives.

He began at the age of 19, and was owner and operator of Carter's Barber Shop, located in the old First National Bank building on Main street.

Since relocation of the bank, Mr. Carter had barbered in various shops here.

He moved to this city from Oran in 1928, and was a member of the First Baptist Church, where he served as a deacon. He was also head usher at the church and was a member of the BMU Sunday School class.

Survivors include two sons, Cline Carter, Sikeston, and Shannon Carter, Lompoc, Calif.; three daughters, Mrs. W. R. Stewart, Mount Morris, Mich., Mrs. James Hannum, Pontiac, Mich., and Mrs. T. J. Seabaugh, Kansas City; nine grandchildren, and 14 great - grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1:30 Thursday afternoon at Ford and Sons Funeral Home with Dr. W. T. Holland,pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Park.

Friends may call at the funeral home after 7 tonight.

Two Retiring Directors of Bank Honored

CAPE GIRARDEAU - Lyman A. Matthews, former president, and Fred A. Groves, director, were honored by First National Bank officials and personnel at the institution's annual Christmas dinner and party at the Country Club Saturday night.

Matthews, who now resides in Ellington with his daughter, was here for the event. He was elected to the board on March 6, 1947.

Groves has served as a director of First National since Jan. 10, 1950.

Each director was presented a plaque marking "recognition of his distinguished service" to the bank. They will officially retire from the board on Dec. 31.

Replacing them on the bank's board are Charles L. Drury, president of Drury Tile & Plaster Co., and George H. Wrape, president of Central Foods Inc.

Robert F. Ludwig was master of ceremonies for the dinner and presentation. Music for dancing which followed was provided by Fred Horrell and The Flames.

Dinner music was provided by Bob Williamson and Jeff Comer of Sikeston and Miss Debbie Collins, a senior in the high school at Sikeston, sang.

Misrepresentation Charged of Tax Increase Foes

ST. LOUIS AP - Opponents of the Missouri income tax increase to become law Jan. 1 have misrepresented the legislation, State Rep. Harold Volkmer, D-Hannibal, said in a statement Monday.

The opposition is led by Sen. Earl Blackwell of Hillsboro, who said he has enough signatures on a petition to force a referendum on the tax hike, thereby preventing it from becoming law until after an election.

Volkmer said he doubts Blackwell or any of his supporters "has bothered to read the law and attempted to understand its full scope."

The recently - enacted measure hikes coprporation taxes from 2 to 5 per cent and sets rates of 1 to 6 per cent on individual incomes, reaching the maximum at the $9,000 net income level.

The Hannibal Democrat said under the new tax schedule, 350,000 Missourians will pay less, there will be no increase for another 350,000 and about 850,000 will pay a "moderate increase."

He sais one-half of the corporate tax increase will simply be diverted from the federal to the state governments and the corporations will deduct the increase from their federal taxes.

JOURNALISTIC REBUTTAL

LETHBRIDGE, Alberta, Can. (AP) — City Clerk John Gerla, in response to a request for water by members of the press attending council meetings, recently provided it in an old mop bucket complete with dipper. He later capitulated and provided a pitcher of water.

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joy, of "Peace on Earth, Good Will toward Men." In this

gladsome season, when we celebrate anew

the marvels of the first Christmas, we reflect reverently

upon the meaning and Miracle of Bethlehem.

With our friends and neighbors, we share the quiet contentment

and high happiness of this holy Day, and we

gratefully take the opportunity to put aside the routine

of everyday business and to send, to one and

all, our warmest holiday wishes. Merry Christmas!

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HANGING MISTLETOE

Hanging mistletoe in the home is a tradition which originated with Druid priests. These ancients believed the plant was a sign of peace and hope.

In Holiday Mood, Carols Tell Story of Reverence and Joy

"O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem! Come and behold Him, born the King of angels!"

"Adeste Fideles" or "Jingle, Bells," "Silent Night" or "White Christmas" — across the years, hymns, carols and songs have been mankind's way of expressing the joy of Christmas.

From simple melodies sung in the family circle to the majesty of Handel's oratorio, "The Messiah," music and song seem to be the natural way to celebrate Christmas.

Singing First Carol

Singing of the first Christmas carol is attributed to St. Francis of Assisi and his followers, in the 13th century.

St. Francis arranged a Nativity scene and led the singing of songs of praise to the Christ Child.

About Many Things

Subjects and themes for early carols were many and varied.

English people sang of the holly and the ivy and the wassail bowl. More religious in theme were the English songs traditionally sung between scenes of mystery and miracle plays.

In Germany, France and Belgium, the visit of the Magi was a popular theme for carols. Other carols told stories from the Bible or legends from nature.

Luther Led Way

From the 15th to the 18th century, Christmas music found a particularly eager audience in Germany. Martin Luther, who believed music was a form of worship, helped to encourage the composition and performance of Christmas hymns.

Luther himself wrote the words for "Away in a Manger," and the music for "Unto Us a Boy Is Born" and "Good News from Heaven." Grouped into a choir, his children sang these songs.

Christmas Outlawed

The joyous songs of Christmas fell upon hard times in 17th century England. An act of Parliament, in 1644, forbade the observance of Christmas as a feast day.

Long after the custom of Christmas was revived, the art of carol singing languished.

A happy change occurred when, in 1719, Dr. Isaac Watts wrote and introduced to his congregation the carol, "Joy to the World." This was the forerunner of modern Christmas carols.

For Concert Halls

Christmas music for the concert halls began to be created after the Reformation.

Italy introduced the Christmas concerto, during the 17th and 18th centuries. Corelli's "Christmas Concerto" is perhaps the best known of this kind of Christmas music.

In Puritan England, the oratorio became a popular form of music, thought to represent the righteousness in man. Handel's "Messiah" was performed and admired for this expression of pious sentiment, with little consideration for its relationship to the story of the Nativity.

It was not until about 1900 that "The Messiah" began to be performed primarily at Christmas time.

In America

In America, the composition of carols began to flourish during the 1800's, and three favorite carols sung today are from that period.

"It Came upon a Midnight Clear," one of the earliest American carols, was written by the Rev. Edmund H. Sears (1810-1876) as a poem. It was later set to music.

"We Three Kings of Orient Are," was first published in 1859. The Rev. John Henry Hopkins, Jr., wrote both the words and the music.

"O Little Town of Bethlehem" was written by Bishop Phillips Brooks in 1868, as an expression of his feelings after a visit to Bethlehem.

Music for the carol has been attributed to Lewis H. Redner, an American organist, and also to a tune from early English hymnals.

O, Holy Night, when all the world was still. There, in the distance, shone a mighty star with a luster that burns brightly now in the hearts of all men of good will. May thoughts of that first Christmas bring peace to all.

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And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was Governor of Syria.

And all went to be taxed, every one unto his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem (because he was of the house and lineage of David).

To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And, so it was, that while they were alone, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone 'round about them; and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them:

Fear not; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying:

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men of good will.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another:

Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known to us.

And they came with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning the child.

And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the Shepherds.

But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart.

And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

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Now Mrs. Crummere has written a book to guide the general reader to an understanding of the important second step in astrological analysis. YOUR SUN - PERSONALITY, an Avon paperback original, is the first book in general distribution to explain the vital significance of the rising sign (the sign determined by the TIME of a person's birth) in the astrological interpretation of personality.

Initially, Mrs. Crummere provides the reader with a basic understanding of the twelve zodiacal signs, outlining the traits of each in the areas of personality, love, business, and marriage. With this foundation, the reader is then guided to a deeper evaluation of this personality by means of an interpretation of the influence of his rising sign. Personality charts -- broken down according to the hours of the day for each of the twelve signs -- make it possible for the reader to recognize his rising sign at a glance.

"Astrology," writes the author, "can and will show how to 'time' every event in your life so that so that what you will, will endure ... This will open to you a simple path, the magic of which can free you forever from indecision, stagnation, and frustration, giving you a happier life and more time to do the pleasurable things you want to do."

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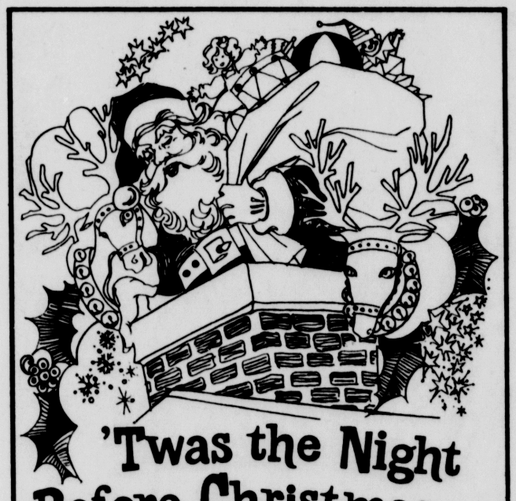

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Kiwi Doldrums

LONDON -- "Take it as you find it and you'll do all right, mate," goes the New Zealand saying. Indeed, that's how the electorate of this isolated Dominion are taking the upcoming parliamentary elections.

New Zealanders are proud that they have achieved one of the most egalitarian communities in the world. The prime ministers in past elections have been judged by their ability to "join the boys in the pub" and discuss such religious matters as rugby. The result has been the establishment of a stable mediocracy. Now New Zealand's Labor Party is making a vigorous effort to break the National Party's monopoly of power of the past two decades.

Labor has proposed the withdrawal of all New Zealand troops from Viet Nam. However, most of the 2.8 million New Zealanders are aware that they are too small a state to play an independent role in world affairs. Prime Minister Keith J. Holyoake has tried to steer New Zealand's foreign policy along American lines, and the Labor Party knows it has little alternative. With Viet Nam less of an issue, the opposition has hit on the need to overhaul the social security system and reform the fields of health and education. What this amounts to is a promise of a change in emphasis rather than in direction.

Labor's troubles stem from Kiwi conservatism. James Michener has called the New Zealanders' "the most conservative white men still living." This means that change, in any form, is strongly resisted.

The ancestors of the modern New Zealanders came over from England in the 19th century. Mostly they were lower middle class laborers who despised the English aristocracy and wished to have no part in the establishment. Holyoake is fond of saying that "ever since our forebears settled here over 100 years ago, no special privileges have been accorded."

There are few rich in New Zealand. There are few porters, fewer maids, and practically no servants. Tipping is not generally accepted and it is impossible to get a shoe-shine anywhere.

Today a dock worker, meat cutter, or a bus driver earns nearly as much take - home pay as a university lecturer. Little consideration is given to training or education. This means that for those with exceptional talent there is little alternative but to emigrate. And to make sure that new, foreign elements don't upset the egalitarian balance, the National Party has maintained strict immigration quotas.

Recovery of the balance of payments -- from a record deficit of $135 million in October 1967 to a steady surplus over the past 18 months -- has somewhat lifted the cloud of uncertainty which hung over the National Party. New Zealand is dependent on a small group of primary products, such as meat, cheese, butter and wool. But export receipts hit $1 billion for the first time in 1969.

The number of parliamentary seats in the unicameral legislature was increased from 80 to 84 in 1966. The establishment of new constituencies also has favored Labor. This means that to stay in power the Nationalists will have to hold on to all of their 43 seats. The FINANCIAL TIMES reports that while the voting age was lowered from 21 to 20 this year, the youths and new voters seem unusually apathetic and indifferent. If this is indeed the case, then the outcome in New Zealand could turn out to be every bit as close as the recent cliff-hanger in Australia.

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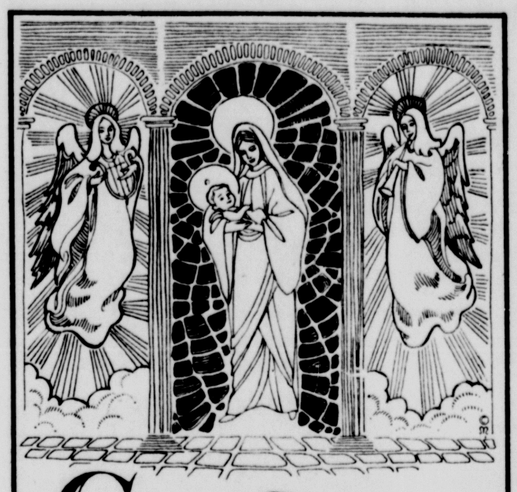

Good Tidings

Let the eternal light of love, the symbol of His birth, shine into every heart, bringing peace to all.

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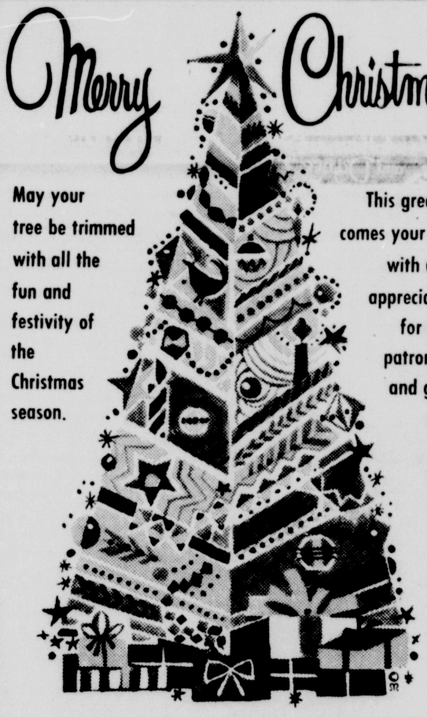

May your tree be trimmed with all the fun and festivity of the Christmas season.

This greeting comes your way with deep appreciation for your patronage and good will.

JAMES DRUG STORE
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The smiles of young carolers reflect the warmth of this joyous holiday season. Permit us to wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas, and to extend our sincerest appreciation for being wonderful customers! Thank you!!

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STAINED GLASS WINDOWS by the hundreds depict scenes of the Nativity. Perhaps the most favored subject for these windows is the Virgin Mother and Child.

IN MEDIEVAL TIMES, stained glass art reached its peak. A simple sincerity characterizes early windows, such as the Madonna and Child window shown above, at right. A medieval artist whose name is lost in history designed this window for a church in Switzerland. Illustration from Chicago Art Institute.

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AS A LIVING ART, stained glass continues to be the medium for creations picturing Madonna and Child — for example, the scenes from stained glass windows shown above. Illustration at the left is from a window designed by the New Jersey artist George Spiers, for the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany in Allendale, N. J. Modern interpretation of the Madonna and Child, center, is from a stained glass window designed by Emil Frei, for St. Peter's Church in Kansas City, Mo. Illustrations from Encyclopedia Americana 1969.

ESPECIALLY DESIGNED for this newspaper, and for the pleasure of its readers, is the feature illustration, left, a Nativity scene which expresses the traditional mood of stained glass art in contemporary terms.

Car Topics

THE VOICE OF AUTHORITY

When a man has spent a lifetime overseeing the preparation of race cars, finally to win the Indianapolis 500, he has earned the right to be heard. Such a man is Andy Granatelli, whose name spells authority among the automotive fraternity.

Granatelli, who has strong opinions on the relationship between car condition and safety, spoke out recently on this subject.

"The new, longer lubrication intervals have done a disservice to the motorist," he says. "Every car owner should be sure that his vehicle is put on the lubrication rack of his neighborhood filling station or auto dealership at 1,000 mile intervals, regardless of lubrication intervals."

He points out that today we drive our cars at speeds faster than the sustained speeds of racing cars just a few years ago. This means that we should take the same care of our passenger cars that we lavish on racing machines.

Failure of a tire, a wheel bearing or a suspension ball joint could mean instant disaster at today's highway speeds, just as it could in racing. Regular inspections help keep this from happening.

Shock absorbers, muffler systems, brake systems, transmission, engine and suspension parts require thorough inspection, says Granatelli. Thus plus road tests by competent people.

He recommends development of dependable relationships with neighborhood auto mechanics. "These men know and understand the intricate mechanisms of your car," he advises, "and they, like your family doctor, can be the people who are responsible for the safety of you and your family."

Other suggestions from Granatelli for the motorist include a six- month replacement of windshield wiper blades that "wear so slowly that failure is usually recognized too late."

He further emphasizes the critical importance of good tires, describing them as "the four patches of rubber that contact the road," the final link in the chain of passenger safety.

"The new extra- wide tires are among the most important safety devices in years," he says. "The development of studded winter tires for safety on ice and frozen snow are an equally important contribution, along with improved headlamps and braking systems."

He modestly fails to note that many of the safety improvements on today's cars came about because of the ingenuity and experience of men like Anthony Granatelli, one of the most respected people in racing.

A Bethlehem light, no satellite,
But as a star, God's globular
Guiding the wise who've seeking eyes,
Once o'er a stall, now circuits all,
Love luminous for leading us
Unto the birth of greatest worth.

Hedley Lucas

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Watch carefully and you may see Santa speeding our message your way for a happy holiday for you and yours. Thanks for your confidence and support.

BOB RALPH
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Peace and Joy

On the eve of His Birth, may the light of love and understanding shine upon you and kindle your heart with peace . . . and joy.

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Spirit of Christmas Spreads Its Joy

By ANNA MANG

"Merry Christmas, one and all."

With this simple and sincere greeting, all the warmth and excitement of Christmas reaches its peak.

In this community, as in cities and towns throughout the nation and around the world, days and weeks of list-making, gift-shopping, home-decorating, party-planning and Christmas-program-rehearsing are reaching a happy culmination.

Families gather. Santa enters, church bells ring. Christmas arrives!

Every year, Christmas seems to generate more eager anticipation, here and everywhere, with earlier and more enthusiastic planning — appropriately, for part of the spirit and the joy of Christmas is in the planning.

The spirit of Christmas starts with thoughtfulness. It begins in the hearts of each of us. It grows with a hope, a wish, a prayer.

It shows itself, outwardly, in such manifestations as merry songs and bountiful gifts, and in the festive decorations and glowing lights now adorning local streets and stores, homes and churches.

It expresses itself, most deeply, in private devotions and in special services such as those scheduled by local churches.

It is a spirit abounding in legend and lore, in customs and traditions honored through the years. And most of all, it is the spirit of reverence and joy that shepherds and wise men knew.

To capture that spirit is to keep Christmas truly and well, for it enriches all the things this wonderful season stands for.

For Children

Christmas is for children. Candies and cookies and all those holiday goodies, trees gaily adorned and brightly lighted, Santa's pack stuffed with surprises — all these things are planned and prepared just for the children.

Or at least, so the grown-ups say, and who's to doubt them?

In a still more special way, Christmas is for children. The manger scene in homes and churches ever reminds us that the Child born in Bethlehem was He who later said, "Suffer little children to come unto me."

For Rejoicing

Christmas is for rejoicing. Since first the herald angels sang, this rejoicing has most often found expression in music and song.

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men," the angels sang.

Now as in earliest times, the spirit of joy and wonder echoes anew in the hymns and carols of Christmas.

For Giving

Christmas is for giving. The eagerness of children waiting for Santa, the excited plotting and planning that goes into the choosing and wrapping of gifts, the packages heaped beneath the tree happily symbolize the spirit of Christmas.

Even as the Wise Men gave of their most precious treasures, to honor Him, so people give generously at Christmas, and true generosity stems from thoughtfulness — giving with open heart as well as open hand.

For Sharing

Christmas is for sharing. Thus giving to the less fortunate is a traditional part of the Christmas spirit.

Joy grows through sharing, says the holiday message, and sharing is most blessed when it extends not only to those near and dear but to those known only through their need.

For Greetings

Christmas continues as it begins, with "Merry Christmas, one and all." And as long as the spirit of this cheerful greeting prevails, Christmas never really ends.

Yes, Christmas is for greetings, to family, friends and neighbors. "Merry Christmas, one and all," we say, and the spirit of Christmas lives forever in the words.

In just this spirit, today's edition of this newspaper is one big Christmas card, filled with greetings from the business firms of the community, who take the opportunity to say, "Merry Christmas, one and all," with special thanks to their patrons and friends.

Legends Honor St. Nicholas

He's the patron saint of pawnbrokers. He watches over mariners. Since the fourth century, he has been remembered for his generosity.

Many of the legends linked with St. Nicholas, real-life ancestor of today's Santa Claus.

But his most enduring connection is with youth and gifts. In Europe, his feast day, December 6th, has traditionally been an occasion for merriment and gifting.

"'Tis the season to be jolly, tra la la la la . . ."

GREETINGS

In the happy spirit of the holiday, when peace settles as gently as freshly fallen snow, we pause and count our many blessings. Numbered high among them is your cherished patronage and good will.
Bountiful thanks and sincere greetings to all.

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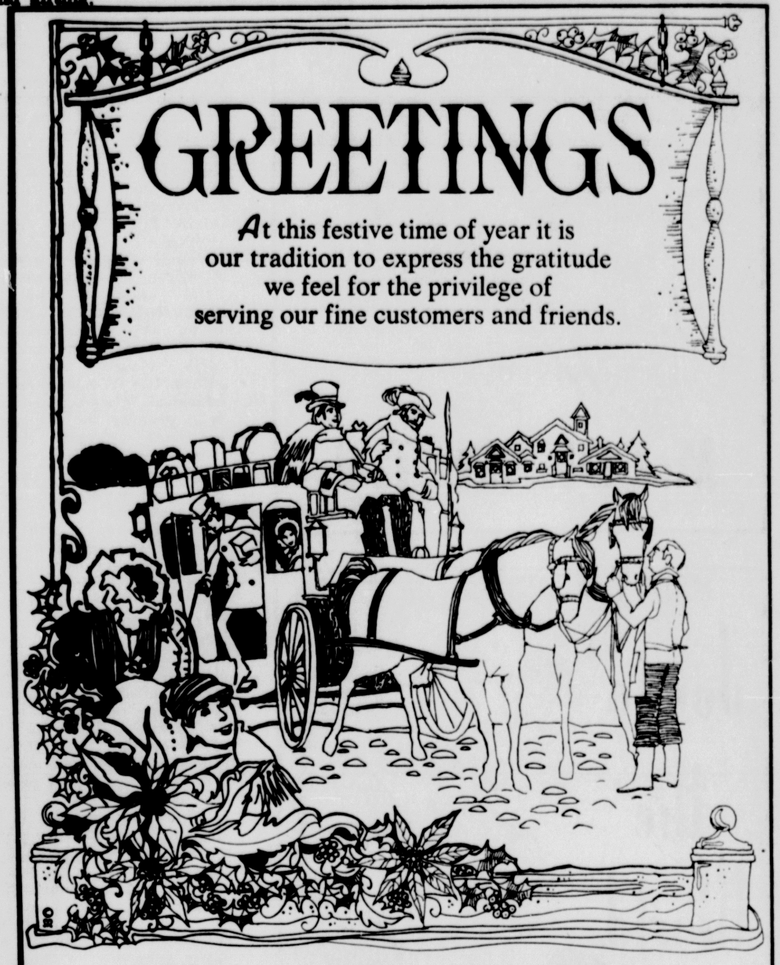

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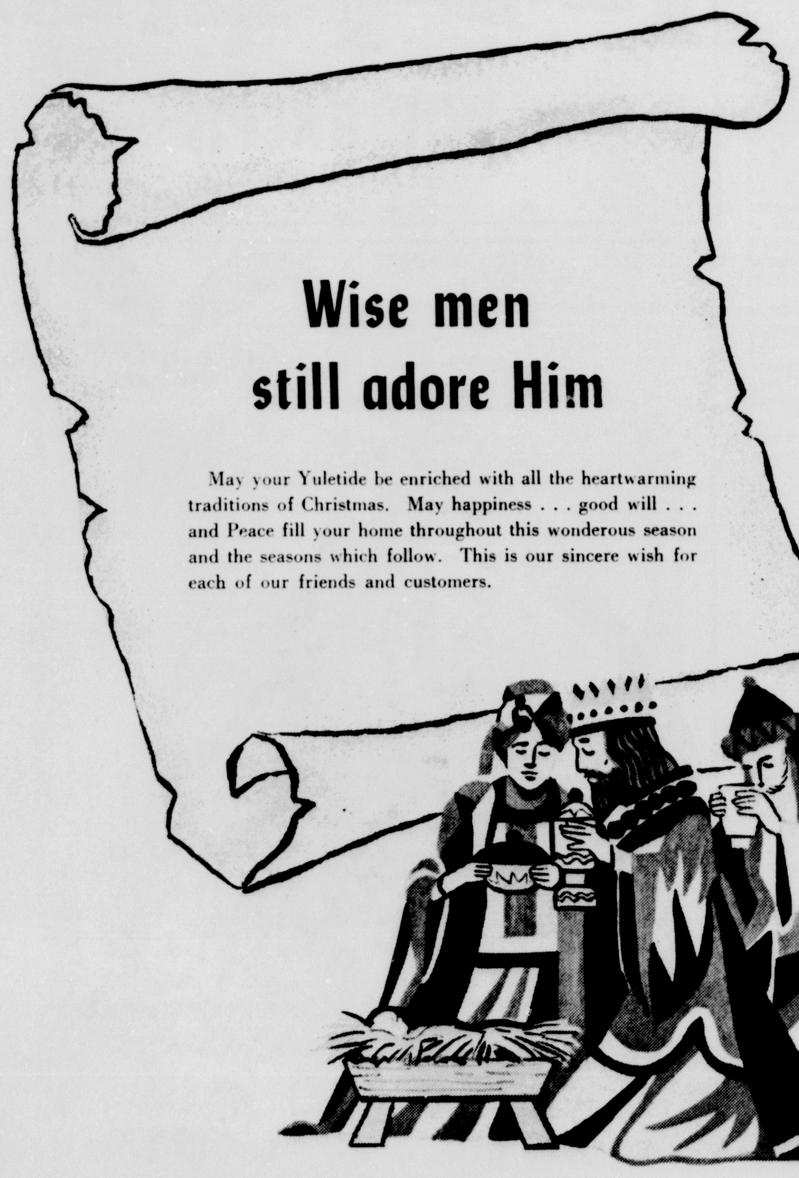

Wise men still adore Him

May your Yuletide be enriched with all the heartwarming traditions of Christmas. May happiness . . . good will . . . and Peace fill your home throughout this wonderous season and the seasons which follow. This is our sincere wish for each of our friends and customers.

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TREE TRIMS — Colorful birds cut from red and white cotton fabric lend a Mexican flavor to holiday trees. Wright's rick rack in contrasting colors adds a decorative touch. No sewing is required for these ornaments which are fused together with iron-on Wonder Under by Pellon.

Blessings

Joy and blessings to all, during the Holiest of Seasons.

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GLAD CHRISTMAS TIDINGS

May the peace and joy which radiates from the heart of the Holy Child, fill you and yours with the wonder and splendor of this Blessed Season. And may the miracle of His coming be an inspiration and comfort to you always. Best wishes for a joyous Christmas.

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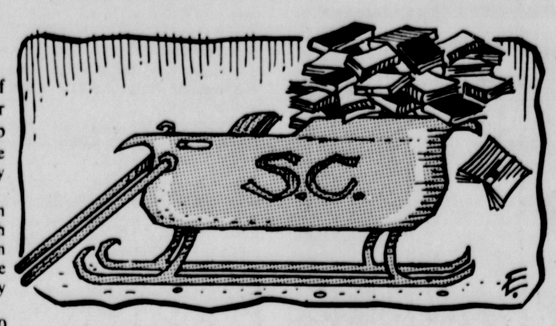
Gift Books for Christmas Shoppers

By MILES A. SMITH
AP Arts Editor



NEW YORK (AP) — If you're making out your Christmas shopping list, keep in mind that the booksellers are ready with a sleigh full of fancy gift books.

This is the season when publishers flood the market with brightly illustrated volumes on specialized subjects, that make appropriate gifts for practically everyone on your list.

The prices range as high as $50 for a few de luxe items, but a great many are around $15 and there are some very presentable ones for as low as $7.95.

It will expedite your shopping if you jot down in advance the three essential facts on each item — title, author and publisher.

Here are some highlights of the season's gift book output. As usual at this time of year, there are plenty of volumes about art.

Art in America

"American Painting" (Skira-World Publishing) is a two-volume work, the first by Jules David Prown, covering the period from the beginnings to the famous Armory Show, and the second by Barbara Rose, on the 20th century. "The Arts in America — The 19th Century," by a group of scholars, (Scribner) is a companion volume to "The Arts in America — The Colonial Period," of 1966.

"New York Painting and Sculpture, 1940-1970," from Dutton, is a description by Henry Geldzahler, curator of contemporary art at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, of a show at that museum.

"Winslow Homer Watercolors" (Watson-Guptil) by Donelson F. Hoopes contains examples from the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Brooklyn Museum.

"American Architecture and Urbanism" by Vincent Scully (Praeger) is an illustrated history of architecture and city planning.

Crown is publishing "The Life and Art of Charles Schreyvogel" by James D. Horan, about an artist who specialized in scenes of the Old West, when the U.S. Cavalry went into action against the Indians.

Art — Old Masters and Recent Masters

Books about the Old Masters include "The Complete Work of Raphael" (Reynal-Morrow), a big volume with more than 900 illustrations, and "The Très Riches Heures of Jean, Duc de Berry" (Braziller), reproducing the 130 illustrations of this medieval work.

The French School is represented in "Chardin," edited by Daniel Wildenstein (New York Graphic); "Courbet," by Georges Boudaille (New York Graphic) and "Toulouse-Lautrec" (Phaidon) by Fritz Novotny. The British are in with a volume by Jeremy Maas (Putnam) titled "Victorian Painters," discussing their art in the reign of Queen Victoria.

Books about museums include Newsweek's series (distributed by Simon & Schuster) on Great Museums of the World — The Pinakothek, Munich; the National Museum, Tokyo; the Uffizi, Florence; the Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam, and the Art History Museum, Vienna. There also is a third volume in the A.S. Barnes series on "Great Centres of Art," titled "Munich," detailing the contents of 10 museums in that city.

The new art reference books include "A Dictionary of Art Terms and Techniques" (T.Y. Crowell) by Ralph Mayer, with 3,200 definitions; "A Pictorial Encyclopedia of the Oriental Arts" (Crown), a 4-volume work on Japan, China and Korea; "World Tapestry" (Putnam) by Madeleine Jarry; "A History of Mexican Mural Painting" (Putnam) by Antonio Rodriquez; "A Treasury of Japanese Wood Block Prints" (Crown) by Sadao Kikuchi, and "Art and the Stage in the 20th Century," edited by Henning Rischbieter for New York Graphic, dealing with work done by 70 painters and sculptors of the period.

The American Heritage Press has a pair of de luxe volumes that combine history and art — "The Horizon History of China" and "The Horizon Book of the Arts of China."

There also is a collection of essays, originated by UNESCO and published by Prentice-Hall, called "The Arts and Man," presenting "a world view of the role and functions of the arts in society."

In the series of Time-Life books the new items are Diana Hirsh's "The World of Turner;" Robert Wallace's "The World of Van Gogh" and "The World of Matisse" by John Russell.

The Decorative Arts

Several new books are concerned with contemporary and antique decoration.

"Young Designs in Living" (Viking) is by Barbara Plumb, who discusses apartments, houses, renovations and vacation retreats. Olga Stier is the author of "Decorating Small Apartments" (Morrow), which is the American edition of a European study. In "The Decorative Twenties," from Morrow, Martin Battersby writes on period design in Europe and America.

"Great Houses of Washington, D.C." (Clarkson N. Potter) is a review of that theme by Hope Ridings Miller.

"The Heritage of American Houses" (Coward-McCann) contains John Drury's descriptions of 65 American houses built before 1850. "The Treasury of New England Antiques" (Hawthorn) has been written by the New England specialist George Michael. From Putnam comes Hugh Honour's learned study "Cabinet Makers and Furniture Designers," containing 50 studies of makers and designers from the 16th century on.

Places Far and Near

The lush volumes on places to visit include several on American themes.

There is Dutton's "Down the Colorado: Diary of the First Trip Through the Grand Canyon," an explorer's journal of 100 years ago, illustrated with modern photos by Eliot Porter, as well as a history since Indian days by T.H. Watkins (American West Publishing Co., Palo Alto) titled "The Grand Colorado." Doubleday has "California in Color" by Hans W. Hannau, with 112 color plates.

Rand McNally has several albums on regional themes, including "Lure of the Caribbean," by Donald Stainsby, describing 12 islands, and with 270 color plates; "Mexico," by Hans Annaheim and Hans Leuenberger, with photos by Henri-Maurice Berney; "The Aegean World" by Alfred Nawrath, and "Brazil," by Luis D. Gardel.

For those interested in the Holy Land there are a scholarly work, "Holy Places: Jewish, Christian and Muslim Monuments of the Holy Land" (Praeger) by Christopher Hollis and Ronald Brownrigg; "Jerusalem: Rock of Ages" (Harcourt) with text by Fosco Maraini and photographs by Alfred Bernheim, and "Jerusalem" (Little, Brown) by Colin Thubron, with photographs by Alistair Duncan.

"India," by Aubrey Menen (McGraw-Hill) is an outsize volume with 130 plates in color from photographs by Roloff Benny. "Thailand: Land of Color" is an album of photographs by Hubert Sieben (Taplinger).

"Treasures of Britain," published by Norton, is a thick book describing the art, architecture and other treasures of Britain and Ireland, illustrated with more than 700 color photos, containing 40 pages of maps to guide the tourist. "H.V. Morton's Britain" is a travel writer's compendium of advice on travelling through that nation, published by Dodd, Mead.

The Historical Scene

A huge volume "The Crucible of Christianity" (World Publishing) has been prepared by 14 authorities working under the editorship of historian Arnold Toynbee, treating the two centuries before, and the two centuries after, the birth of Christ. Macmillan is the publisher of "History of the Holy Land" by seven scholars, under the editorship of biblical scholar Michael Avi-Yonah.

Sacheverell Sitwell's "Gothic Europe" (Holt, Rinehart) has sections on England, France, Germany, Italy, Spain and the non-Christian countries.

"The Conquistadores" by Hammond Innes (Knopf) is heavily illustrated.

Among Putnam's new books are "Journey Into Romanesque" by George Nebolsine, covering the art and architecture of Western Europe in the 11th and 12th centuries; "The Golden Age of Princes" by H.D. Molesworth, which is concerned with the baroque age in Europe, and "American Epic: The Story of the American Indian" by anthropologists Alice Marriott and Carol K. Rachlin.

The Great Outdoors

"The American West, a Natural History," by Ann and Myron Sutton (Random) was written after a trip of 20,000 miles through the American and Canadian West.

"Birds of the West" by Herbert Clarke and Arnold Small (A.S. Barnes) covers 11 major natural environments from the Rockies to the Pacific. "North American Birds" by Lorus and Margery Milne (Prentice-Hall) provides information on more than 300 species, and is illustrated with the paintings of Marie Nonnast Bohlen.

"The Hidden Forest" by Sigurd F. Olson and Les Blacklock (Viking) is a story of wildlife in the North American woods. "Whitetail" by George Mattis (World) consists of "fundamentals and fine points for the hunter" of deer. "The Horse in the West" (World) is Bradley Smith's history of the horse from the Spanish importations of the 15th century to the present.

Joyous Christmas Wishes

In the happy spirit of the holiday that abounds, we thank our faithful neighbors and friends.

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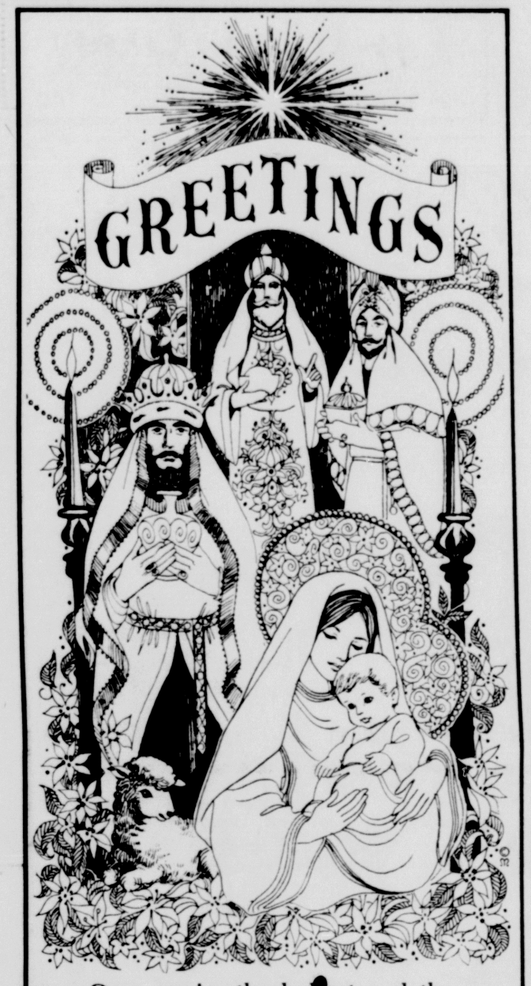

Once again, the holiest and the happiest of all seasons is with us, inspiring all with its message of joy and peace. To you, at Christmas, our fond greetings.

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GLAD TIDINGS

Let every heart rejoice . . . it's Christmas! To each and every one of our valued friends, we send our most cordial wishes for a holiday season abounding in blessings.

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The Sorry Tale of The Drinking Frenchman

By EDWARD BEHR

To most of the world's casual drinkers, liquor is merely an occasional treat, like an ice-cream cone to a child. A Frenchman, even a non-alcoholic Frenchman, wouldn't understand this concept. After all, he lives in the ice- cream store.

He pays for it, too -- through the stomach, the liver, the nevers. France leads the world in alcoholism, with a death rate ten times that in the U.S. Cirrhosis kills 23,000 per year and hospitalises ten times that number.

About 40 per cent of Frenchmen in mental institutions are alcoholics.

Of 50 million Frenchmen, in fact, 4.5 million are classified as "dangerously heavy drinkers" - and many of the rest are on the way.

The most recent set of statistics, published in a new World Health Organization report, have sent the country into one of its periodic tizzies about the alcohol menace. Public figures issue worried statements, the Press fulminates and new bureaucracies are organised to promote temperance.

It never has any effect.

The French keep on drinking ... and drinking... and drinking. Each year the average adult consumes 28 quarts of alcohol, double the rate in the U.S. 50 times that in Great Britain.

Like the Louvre and the Latin Quarter, like Proust and prostitutes and Pigalle, it's all part of the national culture. "A little wine never hurt anybody," says practically every Frenchman at one time or another. And a vintage quip goes: "They say wine kills slowly - well, who wants to die tomorrow?"

The notable thing about French drinking is that it doesn't have to be learned. It's acquired almost from birth. Mothers use brandy soaked handkerchiefs as pacificers for their babies. Three-year -olds drink wine with their meals instead of milk. At six, lucky Pierre is sent off to school with a little bottle of wine in his lunchbox.

As if this were not a clear enough pointing of the way, there is always the parental example. The bars open at 5 a.m. in a good part of the country. Workmen stop in for a "coup de rouge" (shot of raw red wine) or a belt of brandy on their way to the job; so do office workers.

Meals begin with an "apertif," continue with a bottle of wine and end with a "digestif" (this can be Cognac or liqueur).

As if they didn't have enough of their own native brews, the French lately have even become devotees of Scotch whisky.

Hitler gave a bad name to temperance in France. The Nazi dictator rationed wine when France was occupied and, ever since, anti- alcohol campaigns have foundered.

Still, the authorities try. When Pierre Mendes- France was premier in the '50s, he attempted to foist milk- drinking on the public. Mendes not only never got to be premier again, he even came to grief trying to get elected to Parliament.

Economics plays some part in French alcholism. Wine is, after all, not only better tasting, but cheaper even than water. In a typical Paris bistro nowadays, a glass of wine costs 8 cents, a glass of mineral water 14 cents. (Frenchmen seem congenitally incapable of drinking water out of a tap.)

In the countryside, especially in wine- growing sections, a quart of wine sells for as little as 18 cents. And the farmers make their own at a fraction of the cost. The decrepit plumbing in rural districts really does make tap- water- drinking a hazard.

In apple- growing areas, like Normandy and Brittany, cider- of a power American farmers only dream about- is the staple drink. But this is not to stay that sterner beverages, like the native Calvados, is not used as a frequent comma to the long cider sentence.

Agricultural workers in the south of France customarily drink four to five quarts of wine a day- as if they were so many bottles of soda pop. And construction and factory workers are nearly as thirsty. Indeed, many construction contractors bar drinking on the job and have the statistics to prove that this cuts down accident figures.

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1969 KODAK TEEN-AGE MOVIE AWARDS
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16mm color 20 minutes
Sound on Film

A firm about young ideals, young love, and the harsh reality of facing life, THE STARTER tells the story of an aspiring young pop singer whose friends acclaim his latest song at a party he attends with a girlfriend. Another girl tells him her dad knows somebody in the record business. Leaving his girlfriend behind, the singer next day storms his way into Panacea records. His song is rejected and the discouraged singer returns to his girl on the beach and daydreams about their love. Luxuriously beautiful scenes in which the two in full Edwardian costume run slow motion across white sand dunes follow. As the day on the beach ends, the singer finds new purpose through his love. The next day, he is on the street again ready to try to sell his song.

Judges' Comments:

"A polished film" praised by the judges for its "splendid handling of the medium, "THE STARTER was acclaimed for "superb photography, color and composition... nice transitions and use of camera in dance sequences... and capturing the spirit of young people."

When Families Gather, It's Christmas!

TRADITIONALLY, CHRISTMAS IS A FAMILY DAY. An old-fashioned Christmas, pictured above in an illustration created especially for the enjoyment of the readers of this newspaper, had much in common with a modern Christmas — gifts, greens, trees, flowers and, of course, a happy family gathering.

Through the years, the ways of celebrating Christmas have taken on many different forms.

Today's Christmas tree is apt to be plastic or aluminum, rather than nature's own fir, spruce or pine. The glow of tiny beeswax candles on a tree is only a memory, replaced now by strings of twinkling electric lights.

Jolly Santa, once transported only by reindeer-drawn sleigh, may now arrive by helicopter or jet plane.

But in spite of changes, the essence of the season, the basic spirit of Christmas, stays the same.

Christmastide is, above all, a time for togetherness and rejoicing. And a modern Christmas, just like an old-fashioned Christmas, calls for gatherings of family and friends, with much merriment, fun and feasting.

Right now in this community, families are celebrating the holiday with just such gatherings, such merriment, fun and feasting.

Like families of yesteryear, they celebrate with gifts and greens, with the warmth of a glowing hearth and the gleam of a lighted tree, with stockings hung by the chimney with care and even with candles, though these beckon brightly from candleholders rather than from the tree.

All these ways of celebrating are part of the legend and lore of Christmas.

Exchanging Gifts

Exchanging gifts at Christmas is one of the most time-honored of customs, and toys, dolls and games for the children have always ranked high on the gifts list.

In the not-so-long-ago, however, just one important present — a doll for a little girl, perhaps, and a toy accordion for her brother — was all that youngsters might expect at Christmas.

Though Santa is more bountiful nowadays, the gifts he brings are like those of yesteryear in at least one way. They reflect the interests and fashions of their times.

Dolls, yesterday and today, dress in the favorite styles of the moment. Toys, too, show the influence of current events.

Toy racing cars, for instance, came in with the automobile, while today more complex types of wheel toys take advantage of modern technological developments.

Using Greens

Use of greens and garlands to decorate for a festive season goes back a thousand years before the birth of Christ. The custom began with the ancient Egyptians.

Many of the traditions of pagan festivals were later merged with the celebration of Christmas, and evergreens, because they stay green throughout the year, came to be regarded as the Christmas symbol of eternal life.

Decorating the Tree

Many ancient legends associate trees with Christmas. One is that on the first Holy Night, all the trees of the forest blossomed and bore fruit.

The idea of adorning the Christmas tree with ornaments may have started with an attempt to create the effect of snow on the branches. Strings of popcorn and tufts of cotton were used.

Lighting the Tree

Martin Luther started the custom of lighting the tree, legend says.

To symbolize stars glowing forth on a snow-filled winter's night, he placed lighted candles on his family's traditional Christmas tree.

Burning the Log

Today's fireplaces, though smaller in scale than those of yesteryear, symbolize at Christmas the age-old custom of burning the log.

The Yule log was adapted to Christmas celebrations from the Scandinavian practice of building huge bonfires at the winter solstice. Fire represented the spring sun, soon to return.

Hanging Stockings

St. Nicholas, so legend says, secretly gave gifts of gold for the dowries of poor spinsters. He tossed the gold down a chimney on Christmas Eve, and on one occasion the gift landed in a stocking hung by the fireplace to dry.

A tangerine or an orange in the toe of a stocking has come to be symbolic of the gifts of gold.

THE SOUL BROTHERS AND SISTER LOU
By KRISTIN HUNTER

Just named a winner of the Brotherhood Award of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, THE SOUL BROTHERS AND SISTER LOU is the story of a lonely teenager in a Northern city, who learns to identify with her own people and to be proud of her black heritage.

The critically acclaimed novel, appearing in paperback for the first time, stresses the importance of self - respect, says the author, for black and white adolescents.

A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS

May the splendor of that special Star reflect in our hearts to bring joy anew.

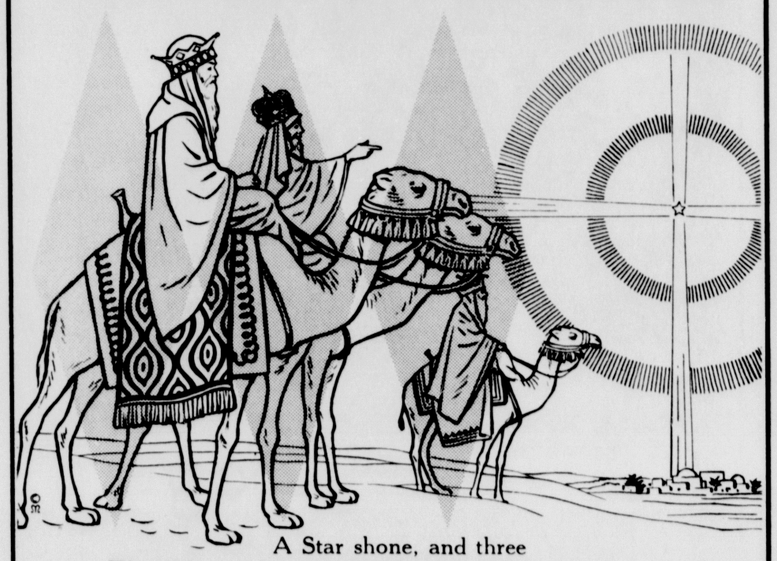
ZIEGLER'S SUPERETTE
612 W. North St.

GREETINGS

In the happy spirit of the holiday, when peace settles as gently as freshly fallen snow, we pause and count our many blessings. Numbered high among them is your cherished patronage and good will.
Bountiful thanks and sincere greetings to all.

MITCHELL INSURANCE
811 N. MAIN SIKESTON, MISSOURI

PEACE on EARTH



A Star shone, and three Wise Men sought a sacred Manger in the little town of Bethlehem, where the Christ Child was born. This Christmas, let the light of His message shine into all our lives, spreading "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men."

To our Valued Friends and Patrons, "Thank You."

BANK OF NEW MADRID
NEW MADRID, MO.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

As joy and laughter fill the air during the Christmas season, we wish to take a moment to add our best wishes and thanks.

Saddle & Spur Mobile Homes

Hway 62 East 471-9163 Sikeston, Mo.

GIFT PJ'S — Brushed cotton knit pajamas with built-in vinyl soles and toe caps eliminate the need for bedroom slippers. The bold-striped pullover top in bright blue jay, green, or pink has matching solid color pants. By Carter's.

Famous Writers Find New Ways to Say, 'A Ryghte Merrie Chrystmasse Toe You'

Great writers of every age since medieval times have made contributions to the various expressions and phrases that are associated with Christmas.

Such expressions as, "A Ryghte Merrie Chrystmasse Toe You," have now become archaic and the spelling quaint. But the continued exchange of Christmas cards over the years has been a strong influence in preserving the traditional words, or greetings, associated with the season.

From the very beginning of greeting cards, prime importance was placed on the message itself. In fact, some of the earliest cards were simply greetings with sprigs or borders of holly on an otherwise plain card.

But then, as early as the 1880's in England and also in America, verses appropriate to the season and composed by famous authors, were proving popular on Christmas cards.

One such poem by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow — with a portrait of the eminent gentleman — appears on one of the antiques in the Hallmark Historical Collection, a treasury of more than 50,000 greetings which provides a variety of the expressions of good cheer and Christmas wishes by famous writers over the years.

The age old message of the season is to be found in today's Christmas cards, expressed in poetry and prose by such outstanding literary figures of the past and present as William Shakespeare, Samuel Taylor Coleridge, Sara Teasdale and, more recently, T. S. Eliot, Archibald MacLeish, William Carlos Williams and the late Russian writer, Boris Pasternak.

Pasternak's "The Christmas Pine Tree" has been excerpted for a greeting card which reads in part:

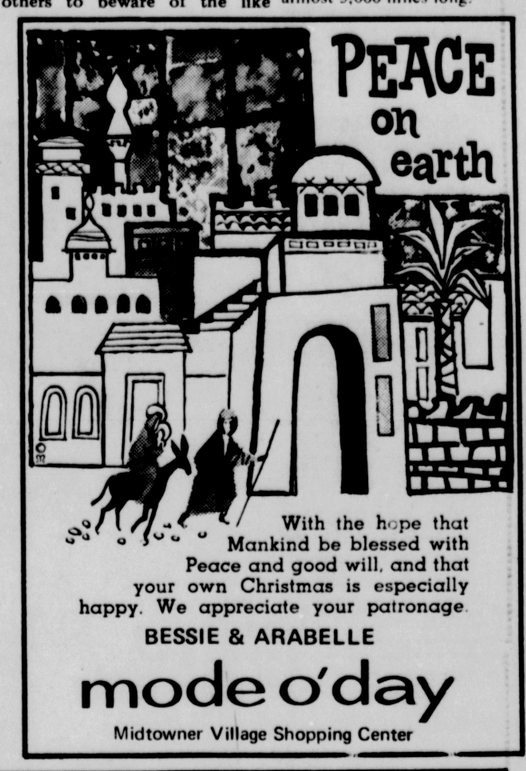
I love her to tears, at sight,
from the first,
As she comes from the woods
in storm and snow.
So awkward her branches, the
shyest of firs!
We fashion her threads unhurriedly, slow.
Her garments of silvery, gossamer lace,
Patterns of tinsel, and spangles aglow
From branch unto branch,
down to the base
I love her to tears, from the
first, so bright
In a crowd of friends on
Christmas night."

Portions of Sir Walter Scott's "Marmion" have been used for still another Christmas card verse:

"England was merry England
when
Old Christmas brought his
sports again.
The damsel donned her kirtle
sheen;
The hall was dressed with
holly green;
Forth to the wood did merrymen go
To gather in the mistletoe.
'Twas Christmas broached the
mightiest ale;
'Twas Christmas told the
merriest tale;
A Christmas gambol oft would
cheer
The poor man's heart through
half the year."

In a lighter vein, one of America's most popular versifiers, Ogden Nash, has contributed his own inimitable style and thoughts to the spirit of Christmas greetings with several mirth-provoking stanzas such as the following:

"Our halls are decked with
boughs of holly,
And trimmings red and green
and jolly;
We get that old time Christmas feeling
While tacking wreaths from
floor to ceiling.
To you we sipped a Yuletide
cup
While hanging decorations
up;
Oh, how we wish you were in
town —
So you could help us take
them down!"



With the hope that Mankind be blessed with Peace and good will, and that your own Christmas is especially happy. We appreciate your patronage.

BESSIE & ARABELLE

mode o'day

Midtowner Village Shopping Center

ORIGINAL Pabst Blue Ribbon

Miller High Life

We wish you a Merry Christmas

AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

All year long, we're grateful for our fine friends and customers. At Christmas, we're especially happy to express our greetings, thanks and good wishes.

BESS SUPPLY COMPANY

HIWAY 61 SOUTH SIKESTON, MO.

Belgium

FRANK B. DOYLE
in the Raymond, Ill. News

Brussels, the capital of Belgium deals in politics, banking and insurance. Antwerp is the business city with a large port connecting to the South end of the Great North Sea and the Eastern extension of the English Channel.

After General DeGaulle ordered NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) out of France, it was moved to Brussels in 1967. A large headquarters was built for the diplomats, their staffs and the employees.

The North Atlantic Treaty was signed on 4 April, 1949. It proclaims in its preamble the determination of member governments "to safeguard the freedom, common heritage and civilization of their peoples, founded on the principles of democracy, individual liberty and the rule of law".

As well as constituting a defensive military alliance - the Parties consider an armed attack against one or more of them as an attack against them all - the Treaty also aims at developing political, economic, social and cultural co-operation between member countries.

The fifteen member countries of the Atlantic Alliance are: Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, the Federal Republic of Germany, Greece, Iceland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Turkey, the United Kingdom and the United States of America.

NATO takes credit for twenty years of Peace in Europe. Perhaps the real enforcer of peace is the arsenal of atomic missiles owned by the United States, The deterrent force of these missiles must be maintained, regardless of cost to us taxpayers.

SHAPE (Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe), was also moved from France in 1967. A headquarters was built at Casteau - Mons thirty miles from Brussels. The belgium government objected to both headquarters being in the same city. SHAPE occupies an 80 acre field, covered with offices, homes for the military and staff peoples, schools, churches, super markets and athletic fields. The army personnel of the fifteen countries are mixed up. Children speaking five or six languages are common while the parents struggle with a second language.

SHAPE is the military arm of NATO, but has no military force of its own. The military forces are provided by the fifteen nations who retain command in time of peace. It takes a unanimous decision of the fifteen countries to commit the various military forces to action. So far NATO and SHAPE have rsisted Russian agression, if the suppression of Czechoslovakia is overlooked, without calling out the troops.

Headqyarters of the COMMON MARKET is in Brussels. The common market in association of Belgium, Italy, France, Federal Republic of Germany, Luxembourg and the Netherlands. The aim is free trade between the six countries, free movement of peoples and eventually the same money. As of now each country has its own money. Exchanging money is a business and earns about one percent. When a tourist trades U. S. money for, say marks, the cost is one percent. If he does not spend all of the marks and trades the remainder for U. S. dollars, the cost is another one percent.

Three of the Common Market Nations (Belgium, Lexembour, and the Netherlands) have a land area less than Illinois. During an equivalent travel from Cairo to Chicago two borders, with immigration and baggage inspection and money exchanges would be crossed. there are the basic problems that the Common Market is expected to eliminate. Fortunately for us Ben Franklin and associates federated the thirteen colonies without tariff between states and established a common money system.

The Cry For Help

The 5th International Conference on Suicide Prevention opens in London with 45 nations represented.

At least 22,000 Americans will take their own lives this year, and 100,000 to 200,000 others will make serious but unsuccessful attempts to do so. One medical statistician estimates that as many as two million individuals now living in the United States have tried at some time to commit suicide.

Despite this shocking state of affairs, there is widespread apathy about the problem, both on the part of the public and within the medical profession. Fortunately, some significant progress has been made in the last five years or so in spreading one important message: The great majority of suicides and suicide attempts are the product of emotional states which are only temporary and which are remediable.

The gathering in London of experts from 45 nations is a sign of growing willingness to face the suicide problem. Another sign is the existence in the United States today of 108 local suicide prevention centers, usually manned by a regular professional staff. Ten years ago there was only one such center -- in Los Angeles.

Dr. Norman Farberow, director of the Los Angeles center, told Editorial Research Reports that real progress is being made in reducing the "taboo" associated with suicide. So long as large numbers of people continued to think of suicide in terms of punishment, moral condemnation, sin, insanity and cowardice, suicide could not be fought the way a public health problem of its gravity should be fought.

Traditional feelings about suicide may represent an instinctive reaction to the contempt for society implicit in the act of killing oneself. People are troubled by such conduct and their natural reaction is to condemn the suicide. It remained for the Christian church to attach the onus of sin to suicide.

Everywhere in Europe from the Middle Ages to the 18th century, suicide of one kind or another entailed seizure of goods or land, or both, depending on local customs. Not until 1823 did the British parliament, for example, revoke an ancient requirement that the body of a suicide be buried at a crossroads with a stake driven through the heart to pin down the ghost.

In this country, the Massachusetts legislature decreed in 1660, that suicides should be buried in some common highway and a cartload of stones laid upon the grave "as a brand of infamy and as a warning to others to beware of the like damnable practices." The statute was repealed in 1823.

If all the coal mined in the United States in one year were used as paving material, it could build 12 superhighways — each 50 feet wide, one foot thick, and almost 3,000 miles long.

Merry Christmas

May the essence of Christmas once again fill your heart and home with peace and lasting serenity.

To all our faithful and steadfast patrons, we wish the very best at the holiday season.

FROM ALL THE EMPLOYEES AT

SEMO MOTOR COMPANY

417 N. MAIN SIKESTON, MO.

merry Christmas

To friends old and new we send our warmest wishes for a Merry Christmas, filled with the joys of giving and receiving. Our thanks to you.

WAL-MART Discount City

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Not in the sense of custom only, but with a genuine appreciation of our pleasant association during the past year We extend to You our best wishes for A Merry Christmas.

MARTIN OIL COMPANY
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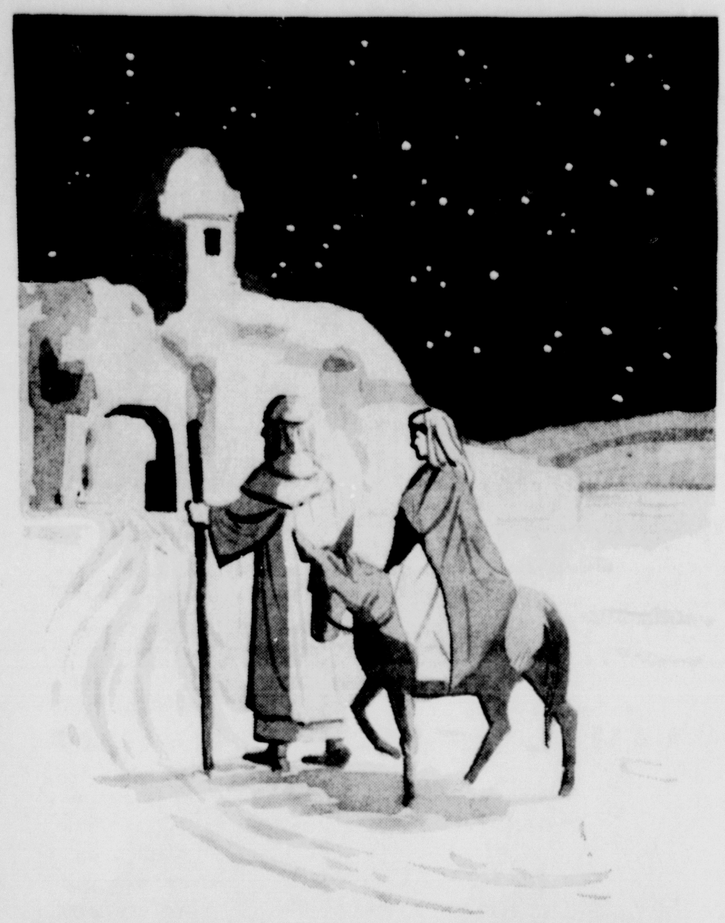
WHOLESALE RETAIL

MERRY CHRISTMAS



For God sent his Son not into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

CRENSHAW'S ANNEX and DISTRIBUTING COMPANY

Stained Glass Sheds Radiance For Celebrations of Holy Day

Biblical stories and personages come to life in a blaze of color. Light and color combine to create an ever-changing mosaic. From dawn to day to dark, patterns vary with the light. Designs seem to live and move as colors change in intensity.

While Christians around the world gather to celebrate the holy festival of Christmas, these dazzling effects add to the beauty and solemnity of the celebration, as stained glass windows shed their radiance throughout churches large and small.

The art of creating stained glass windows is ancient — known in the ages before recorded history began, say the editors of the Encyclopedia Americana. Yet the windows themselves seem always new. As light plays upon the colors of the glass, the living beauty of the windows is constantly renewed and reborn. Appropriately, the age-old yet ever new story of the Nativity is a favorite subject for these windows. Through the centuries, artist craftsmen have preserved the spirit of the first Christmas, in stained glass.

Thus for countless worshippers this Christmastide, the light that shines through the stained glass windows of their churches illuminates the wonder of Christmas.

Why It Began

The "why" of using stained glass windows in churches — and secular buildings, too — is simple and logical. Like all windows, they're intended to admit light and keep out wind and weather.

Colored glass helps in controlling both the amount and the quality of light admitted to buildings. And the combination of light and color forms patterns appealing and restful to the eye.

Traditionally, stained glass windows complement the architectural design of the building where they appear.

How It Began

The "how" of creating stained glass windows is complicated — in some respects as difficult and time-consuming as it was in the Middle Ages, although modern methods and equipment do give today's stained glass artist certain advantages.

The rainbow-like effect of the windows comes from pieces of glass — sometimes, hundreds of pieces — fitted together and held together with strips of lead.

Today's artists don't have to make their own glass, leads and pigments. That's one advantage they enjoy that was denied to the early artist craftsman.

But they do have to plan and work painstakingly, from the beginning of a scale drawing in precise colors through the development of actual-size paper patterns and on to such final steps as firing, glazing and cementing.

What It Shows

The art of stained glass windows reflects nearly every artistic style and movement of the past several centuries, including Romanesque, Byzantine, Gothic, Renaissance, Romantic and modern.

Until the late Gothic period, artists believed that a stained glass window should be decorative rather than pictorial. With the Renaissance came a trend toward illustration rather than design.

In succeeding years, the balance has shifted between the traditionally decorative and the more pictorial styles.

How It Continues

A relatively small band of artists keeps the art of the stained glass window alive.

In a discussion of stained glass art in North and South America, the Americana lists some 24 artists working in stained glass, in studios throughout the United States, as well as others in Canada, Mexico and South America.

Among them are revivalists, who work in terms of the earliest traditions of stained glass. Other artists take the contemporary approach, but their use of free forms carries out the belief that light and pattern, rather than illustration, make a picture in stained glass.

EARLY CHRISTMAS GREETINGS WERE sometimes devoted to themes other than the Yule season — witness this excerpt from an antique card, showing a portrait of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow and lines from his poem, "The Hanging of the Crane." Longfellow's "The Village Blacksmith" appeared on the same card. The card is from the Hallmark Historical Collection.

The Hanging of the Crane

O fortunate, O happy day!
When a new household finds its place
Among the myriad homes of earth,
Like a new star just sprung to birth
And rolled on its harmonius way
Into the boundless realms of space!
So said the guests in speech and song,
As in the chimney burning bright,
We hung the iron crane to-night,
And merry was the feast and long.

Best wishes FOR a very happy Holiday season

HART'S BAKERY

Christmas Greetings

As the sights and sounds of the holiday season are upon us once again, may we wish all of you a happy and peaceful Christmas. Thank you for your very loyal friendship.

THE BUCKNER RAGSDALE Co

Santa Claus Has Origins In America

Hear them? They're sleighbells — and we all know what that means! Santa's here, and with him arrives one of the oldest, happiest, and best loved traditions of the Christmas season.

Today, of course, it just wouldn't be Christmas without Santa Claus, but it is interesting to ponder just where the jolly old gent got his start, and it might be surprising to learn that it wasn't really the North Pole.

The name Santa Claus, itself, is an American derivation of the name St. Nicholas, an early fourth century bishop in Asia Minor, according to the editors of the Encyclopedia International.

Santa was first brought to this country by the early Dutch settlers, who called him Sinterklaas. These Dutch burghers portrayed him as a merry old man, sometimes even with a wife they called Molly Grietje.

Santa also looked a little different then, and he wore a wide-brimmed black hat, short Dutch breeches, and smoked a long clay pipe.

Later, the British brought their own Father Christmas to America — a happy, roly-poly Falstaffian figure.

Inevitably, Sinterklaas and Father Christmas became one. Add to this the Norwegian's Kriss Kringle, with his sleigh and reindeer, and the picture is nearly complete.

It was finally the task of American artists and writers to create an image of Santa Claus such as we know today. Washington Irving, among others, contributed to the concept of Santa as a jolly holiday figure, while Clement Moore, in his famous "Visit from St. Nicholas" ("'Twas the Night Before Christmas"), added to the concept.

However, the notion of Santa Claus which really captured the imagination of young and old alike was drawn by the American cartoonist Thomas Nast in 1863.

Yes, that's Santa all right, with his fur-trimmed suit, shiny black boots and long white beard. Just the way we've always known him — or so it seems.

GREETINGS

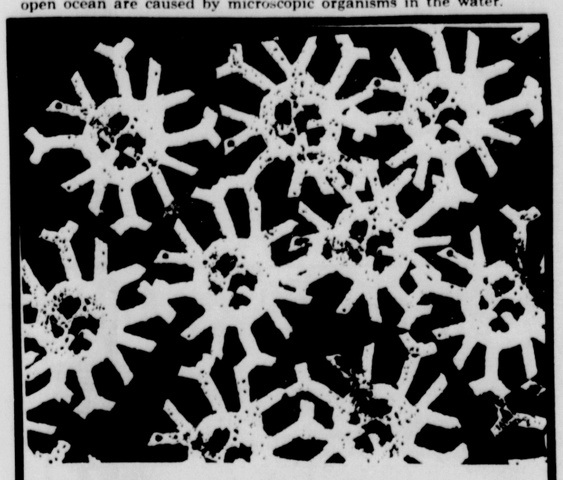
The calm and quiet reaches every corner of this snow-covered landscape to remind us of the beautiful peace that is ours to share at Christmas time. And so we greet you and yours with best wishes for a wonderful holiday season . . . and heartfelt thanks to our dear friends and neighbors for your continued patronage, loyal trust, support.

Shy's Rexall

MIDTOWNER VILLAGE
471-0285

WATER COLORS

Scientists say that the blue color of the sea is only a reflection of the sky. Patches of other colors—green, brown or red—in the open ocean are caused by microscopic organisms in the water.



'TIS THE SEASON

A holiday tang in the air, the smell of good things cooking, family from far and near—it's Yuletide season. And a country Yule is the very best kind.

Especially with your local rural electric system on the job, lighting the tree and lightening the chores.

We wish you Happy Holidays.

Scott-New Madrid-Mississippi Electric Cooperative

SIKESTON & BLOOMFIELD

Christmas is a time for Cookware

Something's always cooking at Christmas! From turkey and dressing to Christmas cookies, plum puddings to party punch, fruitcake and many other festive favorites, delightful aromas waft through holiday homes from kitchens across the nation.

Of course, good food is important all year long—and what better Christmas gift to give than quality cookware! Whatever the season, the cooks in your family will enjoy the new Criteria stainless steel omelet pan from Ekco Housewares Company, a simply elegant gift which will give gourmets and beginners alike perfect results every time.

The Criteria omelet pan is especially designed to turn out the very best light, delicately golden-browned omelet you ever tasted, with the least amount of work you ever thought possible. A selective sealed-in heat core conducts heat evenly across the bottom and up the sides for quick, even cooking. Ten inches in diameter, the pan is just the right size for a hearty breakfast omelet with ham and cheese or a delicate one-egg dessert omelet filled with strawberry jam and dusted with powdered sugar. Its sloped sides spread the egg mixture evenly across the cooking surface and make "professional" rolling or folding easy when you're ready to serve.

Of course, the omelet pan is just one part of Ekco's Criteria cookware collection, which carries a 15-year guarantee. Designed for efficiency and convenience, Criteria's sleek, low silhouette allows better burner coverage for fast, even cooking and features a wide variety of saucepans and specialty items. Among many Ekco originals in the set are an oval casserole and a three-piece combination set which can be used as a double boiler, skillet, chicken fryer, serving dish and casserole.

All Criteria cookware is lovely to look at, too, stylishly sculptured in "silver" stainless steel with lustrous black trim. Any piece is quite a "dish" to set before a cook on Christmas morning! And you'll enjoy it for many meals to come.

GIMME! GIMME! GIMME! GIMME!"

CHAINED VELVET—Rose-colored cotton velvet is Cinderella's choice for a grown-up looking party dress with shaping and seaming. A gold body chain reflects the warm velvet color, and tapered sleeves are formed with a hint of a crown at top.

AIM TO PLEASE WITH FRAMED ART

Thinking about giving framed art as Christmas gifts this year?

If you are, the Picture and Frame Institute suggests you can easily come up with just the right picture if you take time to analyze the needs and taste of the person to whom you'll be giving the picture.

You'll find yourself delighting the gourmet cook on your list with a gift of framed still lifes of fruit. The football enthusiast and weekend angler will likewise be pleased with gifts of framed art that reflect their hobbytime interests.

The aunt who has preserved the past by collecting antiques will be more pleased with a reproduction of a Rembrandt in a traditional frame than with a picture that would be at odds with her decor, you'll find. The young man who tinkers with old cars will take delight in hanging a pair of framed antique automobile prints over his desk after the holidays, and you can be sure that the expectant mother will appreciate a picture for the nursery.

In every case, the Picture and Frame Institute urges, determine for yourself what framed art will be most appreciated and then move ahead with confidence.

HOLIDAY HOT TOWELS

Serving gooey hors d'oeuvres at a holiday party? Then adopt an ancient oriental custom and turn paper towels into little "hot" towels for your guests. Fold a border printed Kleenex towel in thirds to form a long rectangle. Then dip it lightly into warm water scented with cologne or lemon juice. Fold the long rectangle in half. Then fold each border-printed edge back over to make an accordion pleated rectangle with the borders showing on each side. Press the rest of the water out of the towel so that it is merely slightly damp. Make several of the warm little towels and put them conveniently near the appetizers.

WATER-RIGHT HOME SOON WILL BE STANDARD FOR AMERICAN HOUSING

What are home buyers looking for in their new homes? Housing standards, like everything else, are undergoing constant change. Some innovations are passing fads. Others become permanent.

One of the most solidly established trends in housing is an increase in water - using and pipe - connected equipment to provide extra comfort, convenience, pleasure, beauty and even "status" for the entire family. According to the Plumbing - Heating - Cooling Information Bureau, there are about 50 products and systems that fall into this category. This has created a new term, "Water - Right" to describe a home with an adequate amount of such equipment.

Water - Right Homes are being built right now, and it's predicted that they'll become the standard for American housing in less than a decade.

The tyipcal Water - Right Home has at least two full bathrooms, a powder room, vanity lavatory in one or more bedrooms, food waste disposer, dishwasher, doublebowl sink and instant hot water dispenser in the kitchen, a laundry room with running water and drain facilities, sink and, of course, automatic washer and dryer. Top quality faucets, thermostatic shower controls and other "brass" are musts.

Outdoors, the Water - Right Home has a drinking fountain, entertainment sink with running water on the patio and faucets on at least two sides of the house.

Other special features include zoned hydronic heat, built-in central vacuum cleaning system, hot and cold water in a heated garage and water conditioning equipment.

The list of 50 special features includes snow melting system in the sidewalk and driveway, central air conditioning, swimming pool, sump pump, individual water system and automatic lawn sprinkling.

Among a Water - Right Home's most important features are adequate - sized piping that assures a good flow of water at all fixtures and a water heater big enough to keep the family in hot water at all times.

Car Topics

THE LITTLE THINGS COUNT, TOO

If you were in charge of vehicle inspection in your state and had to devise a list of safety items to check on everybody's car, what would you include?

Brakes, steering, lights, tires, exhaust system, glass ... the obvious things, the big things.

But how about a sticky accelerator pedal? That certainly can be a safety problem. Or the outside mirror that won't tighten. You have to keep adjusting it as you drive. Another safety problem.

The list could go on and on, and every driver might have his own special problems to add to it. But since it is impossible to include them all in a state-wide vehicle inspection program, it falls to each driver to be aware of his own problems and to do something about them.

Think of that rip in the old floor mat where your heel keeps catching when you try to move your foot from accelerator to brake pedal. And the seat adjustor that doesn't hold well and sometimes slides backwards when you are driving.

And what of that little hesitation in your engine when you are trying to get out into a busy street and every second counts?

These are things you may get used to but can't really compensate for in an emergency. They are the little things that can become big things at a moment's notice.

So, to keep your car as safe as you can keep it, supplement your state vehicle inspection program with one of your own.

Then when the inspector tells you your brakes are in perfect condition - passed the tests with an A - make sure your heel isn't going to be stuck in that floor mat when you need to hit the pedal in a hurry.

Your own personal safety list should include nearly everything about your car, whether it be a malfunction, a "sometimes" problem or just something distracting.

Doing something about these could save your life.

Orientalize Leftover Turkey with a spicy cranberry sauce. To whole berry cranberry sauce add catsup, port wine, melted butter and soy sauce. Heat and serve with thinly sliced cold turkey. Adds a wonderfully different flavor!

Merrily, Bells Are Ringing For Holiday

Ringing across the ages and around the world, bells are part of the traditions of Christmas.

Zurich, Switzerland, has long been noted for its beautiful bells, say the editors of the New Book of Knowledge.

Every Christmas Eve, the Zurich bells ring out loud and clear, calling families to church.

This same tradition is repeated in thousands of other cities, where chimes and bells ring out at midnight from the steeples and spires of churches.

Bells contribute to the sights as well as the sounds of the holiday season. They are a popular decoration and are used as ornaments on trees.

Tradition has it that bells inspired Clement C. Moore to write his famous poem, "A Visit from St. Nicholas." The inspiration came from listening to the merry jingle of bells on his horses' harness, as he drove along on a frosty winter night.

COTTON TULIPS — These didn't sprout from cottonseed, but they did blossom out from cotton fabrics. Pique in polka dots, stripes, and solids is used to form the tulip petals. Centers are made from cotton ball fringe pompons and fabric-covered wires twisted in curlicues to resemble tulip stamens.

WATCH FOR . . .

The old-fashioned elegance of lorgnettes and mesh evening bags returning as accessories to evening clothes . . . Window-shade flags—real, Government approved Old Glories with slats and rollers, used to replace standard shades on patriotic occasions . . . Telephones treated as decorative accessories. One-of-a-kind designs have real working telephones . . . The return of the Fair Isle sweater, for both sexes; all ages . . . A wardrobe of lengths for men's outercoats as well as women's. Take special note of the maximale.

ON-HAND PRESENTS

A really smart housewife always has a few extra presents stacked away to give to unexpected Christmas company. An inexpensive and versatile on-hand gift is a Paper Mate pen. Everybody, regardless of age or sex, can use a Paper Mate and it takes up hardly any room at all in a drawer.

THE SPIRIT OF Christmas

May the true spirit of Christmas fill your hearts and homes, our sincere thanks to all.

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The smiles of young carolers reflect the warmth of this joyous holiday season. Permit us to wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas, and to extend our sincerest appreciation for being wonderful customers! Thank you!!

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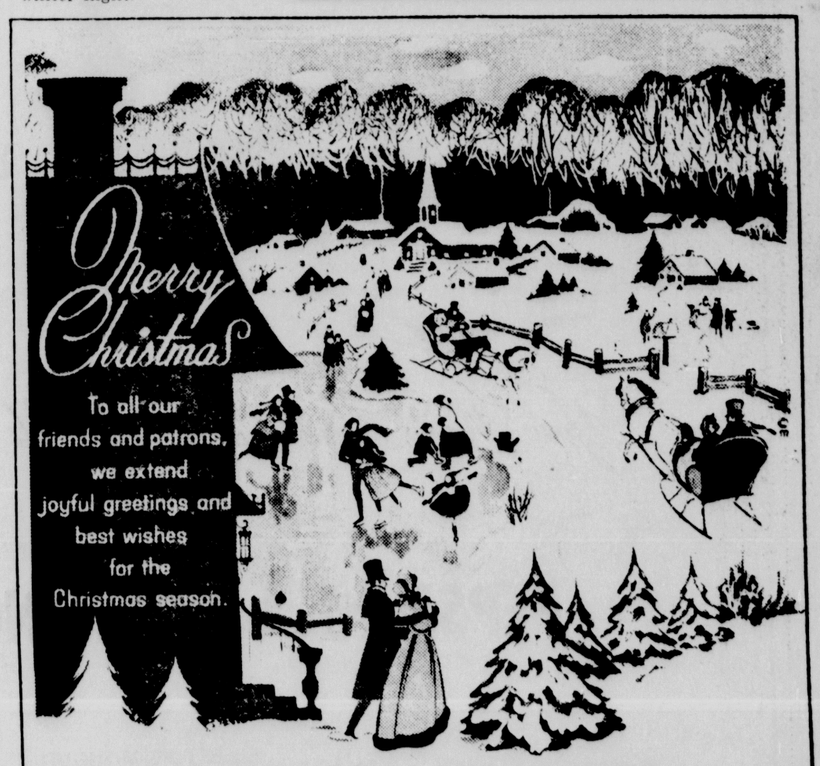

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BIRTH OF THE BOWERY

Peter Stuyvesant spent his later life on his farm, or "bouwerij," as it was called in Dutch. On the site of this farm now runs the street named after it—the Bowery—on the lower east side of New York City.

Is Christmas only for the young?

In spite of all the talk about the generation gap, childhood pleasures of every era are much the same. Kids in every walk of life, through every page of history, have preferred candy to cauliflower, comics to classics, sports to reports, and Christmas to just about anything!

According to the National Sporting Goods Association, the sale of sporting goods has surpassed even the sale of candy and comics when it comes to Christmas—but perhaps this is because the sporting life appeals to kids from 8 to 80!

And what is the sporting life? It's the good life — the fresh, clean, out-of-doors All-American life—it's the life that everyone enjoys and can afford, at least to some extent.

The sporting life can be found on the seat of a bicycle or at the end of a fishing rod. It can be found camping under a sky of stars or chasing after a foul ball. It can be shared with teammates or savored in solitude. The sporting life starts with a football or a tennis racket, a golf club or a bow and arrow; but, however it starts, it leads to pleasure.

When you give a child a sporting goods gift, you give him an opportunity to make something good of his spare time. You give him a chance to gain and grow. Or, as L. W. Cummins, President of the National Sporting Goods Association, has said, "Sports give a youngster the chance to be his own hero, to develop his own skills, to learn how to share, to play fair—win or lose. Sports make a kid feel grown up—and make adults feel like kids again."

This Christmas, why not consider sports gifts for the "kids" around your house? There's no better time of year to show your loved ones what a very "good sport" you are, indeed!

Guru, a new think game (left) adapted from the ancient game of "Go," goes contemporary with a psychedelic format. Object of play is to maneuver 40 colorful playing pieces so that five are positioned in a row in either direction. New for youngsters who love playing fireman is the snorkel pumper of automotive-gauge steel (right) which shoots real water from its turret-mounted nozzle.

(Kenner, Tonka)

A FRAMEFUL OF GREETINGS WELCOMES HOLIDAY GUESTS

Give holiday visitors a special greeting by displaying this year's Christmas cards as a framed decoration in the foyer, the Picture and Frame Institute suggests. Before the cards start arriving, cut a piece of cardboard to fill a large picture frame. Cover this cardboard with red or green cloth; put the cardboard into the frame, and hang your soon-to-be masterpiece in the entryway. As Christmas cards arrive, simply pin them to the cloth backing in arrangements that please you.

Solve Gift Giving Puzzle By Giving Puzzles

Puzzled over what to give your preschooler for Christmas. Well, maybe that's the answer—a puzzle! Puzzles are fun and at the same time offer challenge and a sense of accomplishment for a "learning while playing" experience, according to Playskool Research. Animal and nursery rhyme characters, maps, scientific subject and non-picture solid color wood blocks are subjects of Christmas gift puzzles that offer year round fun for preschoolers.

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Foods Flavor Celebrations

"What's for dessert?"

At Christmas, the traditional answer to this question in England, the United States and Canada is, "Mince pie and plum pudding."

One legend says that it brings good luck to eat mince pie on Christmas day.

In earlier times, mince pies were baked in an oblong shape meant to represent the manger.

Plum pudding, too, has its legend of luck, but here the good luck comes in the making of the pudding. Every member of the family must stir the pudding while it's being made, if good fortune is desired, says an old English tradition.

Fruit cake is one of many specially-baked cakes that are part of the food-and-feasting customs of Christmas. These also are said to bring good fortune and good health.

Rich, elaborate cookies and special breads add to the flavor of the holiday season.

WACS & SCAD

For those of us who are trying to grope our way through the ins and outs of the 1970 defense spending program (a little more than $8 billion, as against $9.6 billion in fiscal 1969 and $6.7 billion in fiscal 1966) the proliferation of the initials casually thrown around on Capitol Hill is something to behold. Or hear.

Everyone knows ABM (the safeguard anti-ballistic missile system), and most know about MIRV (the multiple independently - targeted reentry vehicle).

But what about ULMS, AWACS, SAGE, AMSA, BMEWS, SRAM, SCAD and the like? And what about FOBS and the SS-9?

Well, sort of as a public service, I'm going to let our readers in on the meaning of some of these initials as they apply to the strategic (and enormously expensive) weapons systems the United States and Russia are going to discuss before long.

AMSA comes first. That is an advance manned strategic bomber, assumed to be better than theB-52, B-58 or FB-111. It hasn't been designed yet.

AWACS is an airborne warning and control system associated with SAGE, a semiautomatic ground environment, which is, in turn, associated with the DEW (distant early warning system).

All these are to be tied in with the AMB system (if approved by Congress) along with BMEWS (the ballistic early warning system), the Hawk, Bomark, the Nike-Hercules surface-to-air missiles and several types of surveillance, warning and interceptor aircraft.

Now there are other things, too. There are air - to - ground "stand-off" missiles like Hound Dog (SRAM), and there is the subsonic cruise armed decoy (SAC), not to mention Minuteman I and II and the Minuteman III MIRV force.

I cite these initials merely to illustrate the dilemmas that confront all editors of a newspaper such as this. If we assume our readers cannot identify such initials as B-52, DEW or ABM, we must devote just that much more space to explaining what we are talking about. But if we use initials that are incomprehensible to our readers, then the burden of the news we print is going to be incomprehensivie, too.

What we try to do is steer a middle course through such dilemmas. Someplace in each story we seek to identify any initials on the assumption that our readers will remember what the identification was. Thereafter, we rely on our readers.

It is getting to be a very complex world indeed. Technology, and even the means of communicating its accomplishments, has advanced to such an extent that even some of today's top scientists are at a loss to communicate to other top scientists in different fields just what their latest accomplishments have been.

To put it quite simply: The outer reaches of technological advances are getting harder and harder to explain in terms comprehensible to most newspaper readers - even to those as sophisticated as we have reason to believe most of our readers are. They are also difficult for some of us to grasp in full measure.

Eric Ridder in Journal of Commercial. Sent in by Ralph Potishnick

Presidential nominations, unlike legislative measures, do not carry over from one session of Congress to the next.

GREETINGS to ALL

Here's wishing that your Christmas holiday keeps rolling along with lots of merriment for everybody. And to our good customers go our thanks.

EAGLE SHELL
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Manager - Randall Laster

Let the message of that Holy Night light the way for us today, to the blessings of lasting Peace and Good Will to all men.

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The High Cost Of Government

The dollar is unstable. Inflation is robbing the pockets of our citizens. Our gold reserves are being depleted in international trade because of excessive government expenditures overseas. Interest rates are higher today than they have been since the Civil War. Clearly, these startling conditions can no longer remain unnoticed and unconsidered in high councils of government. We must take action to bring the economy back into equilibrium and halt inflationary government fiscal policies.

It might be well to review for a moment the dangers of the inflation which our nation is facing today.

What the average housewife paid $10.89 for in January 1965, she now has to pay $11.99 for.

Inflation has added over $100 billion to the cost of living of our people since 1960. Inflation has shrunk the value of checking accounts of our people by $10 billion in that same period. Inflation has robbed our people of $32 billion from their savings and has reduced the value of pension fund reserves by over $17 billion in the past seven years. Inflation has eroded away $15 billion from the value of U.S. government, and other bonds and has eaten $13 billion from life insurance reserves.

In short, the cost of inflation has totaled over $188 billion from life insurance reserves.

In short, the cost of inflation has totaled over $188 billion since 1960 - a cost of nearly $1,000 per every man, woman, and child.

This inflation has come at the expense of those in our society who can least afford to bear the cost - the old, the handicapped, the very poor. Indeed, all of the programs to help the poor which have been conceived and run by the government in recent years have added far less to their welfare than our inflationary government spending policies and rising costs have taken away.

It has been argued by some administration economists that "some" inflation is all right, so long as we can maintain relatively full employment and a constant growth in our gross national product (GNP). Yet in 1967, 60 percent of the growth in our GNP consisted of inflation. Surely, such false growth is of little help to the economy and contributes little to the welfare of our people. All inflation is harmful and it should be the goal of our fiscal policies to bring such inflation to a halt.

The administration has done little to stem this frightening loss of buying power and failure of confidence in the stability of the dollar. Its only response has been to ask the Congress for added revenues - which were reluctantly approved as a last ditch effort to stem the inflationary tide. But there has been an unwillingness to make major changes in government fiscal policy which are required in this inflation is to be stopped altogether and if the stability of the dollar is to be assured.

The administration has been unwilling to cut back on excessive government spending which as contributed so greatly to the rising costs faced by our people. There has been a complete unwillingness to set priorities - to single out those really important national programs which cannot be deferred until the budgetary situation is more favorable. It is clear to me that such a setting of priorities is required and I have consistently voted to cut back in areas of nonessential spending. At the same time, it would be irresponsible to cut back on those important national programs in the field of education, job training, housing, water pollution control, and so forth. It is important, I feel, for all Members of Congress to set priorities and support only those programs which are important to our national life and the lives of our citizens. The meat ax approach of across-the-board cuts is certainly less productive than an analysis and delineation of the truly important programs which are essential and which cannot be postponed.

Althought not the only factor in the cause of inflation, excessive government expenditures rank high on the list of basic problems which must be met and conquered if we are to bring the disastrous rise in prices to a halt.

Examples of government waste are rife-every department is full of interest to Members of the House:

We spent $33,000 to study the Australian cricket and another $20,000 to study the social life of the blackbird.

The Post Office Department paid $54 million rent for a building and land worth less than $20 million. There are 287 post offices on which the government is paying rent, and losing money.

The Agency for International Development paid over $500,000 to support a school in Beirut, Lebanon, only to discover that the school did not exist.

Sloppy procurement procedures led the same agency to spend more than $24,000 for plain sea water which was bottled and sold as a "wonder" medicine.

The first act of the new Postmaster General W. Marvin Watson was to have his already plush office renovated at the taxpayers' expense.

There were a total of 290 changes of plans while a federal building was being built in Cleveland - at an added cost of $4 million to the taxpayer.

The Public Health Service financed a study of "Demography of Happiness in Puerto Rico." Its findings, at great expense to the taxpaper, showed that young people are happier than older people. People with money are happier than the poor and that people in good health are happier than those who are ill.

Nor is the Defense Department free of such waste.

The Defense Department paid $312.50 each for generator knobs which can be bought on the openmarket for only $1.62 each.

The factory catalog price on Army gear clamps was $1.80 each. The Defense Department paid $230 each.

The Defense Department paid $1.55 each for eight-cent washers.

It paid $25.55 each for 50-cent rods.

Government waste comes in more than just faulty procurement and project decisions. It comes, too, in massive paper work and extensive bureaucracy.

In the past 14 years, the number of farms in America have decreased by 36 per cent. During the same period of time the number of employees in the Department of Agriculture has inereased by 62 percent.

It takes 47 different forms to hire a federal employee and about the same number to get him off the payroll. The government hires and fires about 600,000 people a year.

These figures should come as no surprise to Members of Congress - and they are only a few of the hundreds of examples that can be pointed out. There must be hundreds of thousands more that have never been uncovered.

It is clear that we must toughen our administrative regulations on procurement of government supplies. The General Accounting Office should receive increased authority to deal with procurement inconsistencies and to take action against those who have purposely cheated the government. At the same time, greater safeguards must be built into the system to ensure that all bidders are provided with an equal opportunity to present low prices to the government for consideration - and contracts should be awarded to those companies which present the lowest prices and most efficient service.

1969 KODAK TEEN-AGE MOVIE AWARDS

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THE BRIEF BRIEFCASE CASE

By: Mark Howell, 14, 73 Pilgard Lane, Glastonbury, Connecticut 06033

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In this silent comdey, a villain steals a briefcase containing important papers from two "good guys" sitting on a park bench. Sight gags, including one Mack Sennett - like bit revolving around three doors, fill the chase that follows. Finally the two catch up with the villain and get the briefcase back. Gleefully, they open the briefcase only to find that the villain has removed the papers.

Judge's Comments:

"An amusing idea handled with many amusing sight - laughs along the way, "THE BRIEF BRIEFCASE CASE was praised by the judges as "quite a tour de force in planning and shooting."

Women Rule Christmas 1885

A picture of a beautiful woman on a current Christmas card would seem inappropriate to many. But feminine beauty enjoyed great popularity in Christmas cards during the late 1880's.

Until 1880, children and elderly women were most often pictured. Or, if adult young women did appear, they were shown as "tenders of the hearth," with their husbands, children or pets.

Later, classic Greek and Roman feminine figures were used to convey ideals of feeling and beauty.

Artists of the Royal Academy in London began the new fashion for using contemporary women in their Christmas card illustrations in 1881. One of the earliest of these was designed by W. F. Yeames and showed a richly-gowned young woman asleep in a chair, with winged cupids in a golden cage.

In 1885, fashion figures of elegant women were a typical subject of Christmas cards. An example is a Louis Prang card from the Norcross Historical Collection.

Mr. Prang, who published the best-known early greeting cards in the U.S., conducted a Christmas card competition. The $1,000 first prize was won by Elihu Vedder, a well-known American artist.

The model for his successful illustration was his wife, and the inscription read, in part, "Thy own wish wish I thee in every place."

Later Christmas cards depicted women as fashion plates, sportswomen, cyclists and, in general, growing participants in the life of their times.

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APPEALING FAMILY GROUP IS SUBJECT of the 1885 Louis Prang Christmas card shown here. Illustration of the mother marks trend of 1880's greeting cards, which often pictured attractive young women. This card is from the Norcross Historical Collection.

Many Christmas greens used today were once pagan symbols. Flowers and leafy boughs were used in Roman rites. The Saxons used holly, ivy and bay in their religious observances.

An old-fashioned wish from us to you, dear friends. May your joys be many. And, special thanks.

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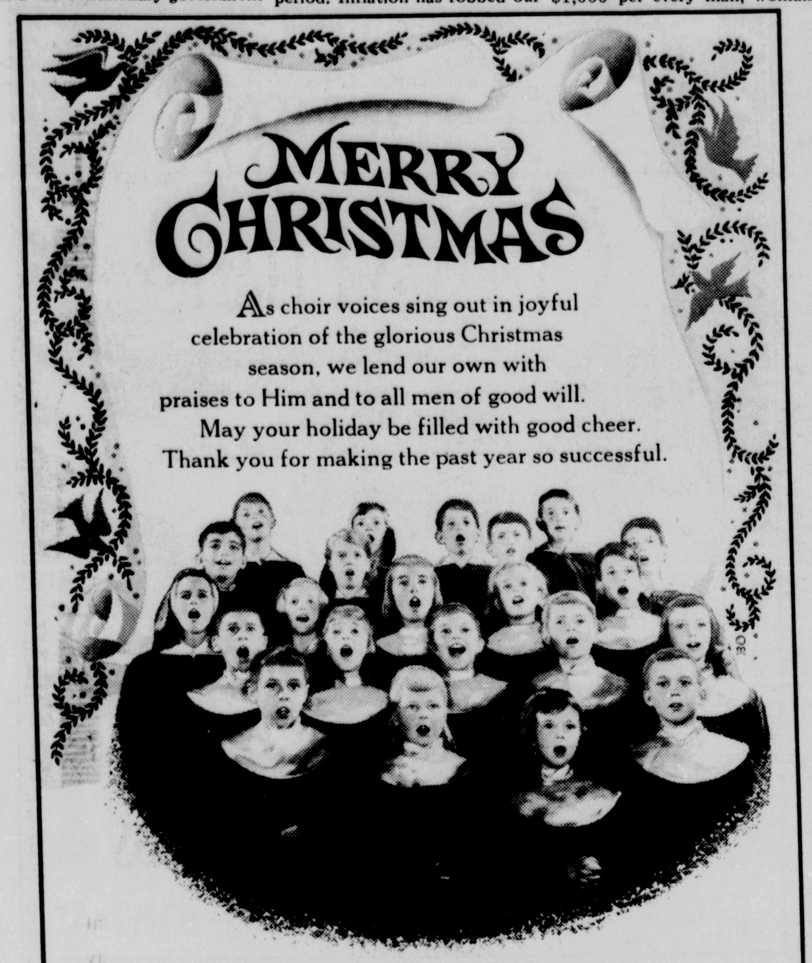

As choir voices sing out in joyful celebration of the glorious Christmas season, we lend our own with praises to Him and to all men of good will. May your holiday be filled with good cheer. Thank you for making the past year so successful.

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Santa's on his way to you, carrying our very best of holiday wishes, and a hearty thank you.

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May your tree be trimmed with all the fun and festivity of the Christmas season

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The traditions that cluster around Christmas have significance only if they translate that which is in our heart. May each of us encompass and express faith and love for those around us at this glad Christmastime. . . . May yours be truly a happy Season. With these greetings, please accept our sincere thanks for your friendships.

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Greetings

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Search For A Water Policy

The National Water Commission will hold a National Conference on Water Problems in Washington, D.C., on Thursday and Friday (Nov. 6 and 7).

Share and share alike is a sentiment rarely voiced by water users. Well watered localities, states and regions almost invariably resist proposals to divert excess supplies to less fortunate areas. This attitude may prove to be the most difficult problem facing the National Water Commission as it tries to formulate a national water policy.

A squabble over water diversion held up legislation creating the commission for more than two years. Former President Johnson first proposed in 1966 that such a commission be established. But the federal law that did so was not signed by Johnson until September 1968. The seven - member commission was directed to examine major water problems and to develop recommendations, guidelines and long- range plans for effective use of available water resources.

That mandate, however, contained one important exception. A bill authorizing the long- stalled Central Arizona Project, cleared the same day as was the water commission bill, placed a 10- year moratorium on any Interior Department study of schemes to divert water from the Pacific Northwest (the Columbia River system) to the Southwest (the Colorado River system).

It was ever thus. In the United States, the function of supplying water to a community has been viewed primarily as a local responsibility. The federal government entered the field of water resources development on a piecemeal basis, first in connection with river and harbor development, later in connection with projects for flood control, for reclamation and conservation of farmland, for control of stream pollution and for generation of electric power.

Federal jurisdiction in interstate or inter- regional water disputes is made possible by the fact that the great river systems of the United States form boundaries not only between various states but also between the United States and neighboring countries of Canada and Mexico. These rivers are subject to federal powers derived from the Commerce clause of the Constitution.

Federal power, however, has proved difficult to implement in the field of water resource management. The Central Arizona Project-- which involved apportionment of lower Colorado River waters among Arizona, California and Nevada-- first was proposed in 1947. More than two decades of lobbying, litigation and legislative pulling and hauling in Congress elapsed before the project was approved.

The National Water Commission has until 1973 to present its recommendations to Congress. The chairman of the commission is Charles F. Luce, currently board chairman of New York's Consolidated Edison Co. and formerly chief of the Bonneville Power Administration, whose headquarters are in Portland, Ore. Luce also has served as Under Secretary of the Interior.

Past efforts to lay down a national water policy have failed for lack of broad public support. But such support should be easier to muster with each passing year. By the end of the century, the United States is expected to have at least 100 million more inhabitants than it does today. And since water consumption has been growing more than in proportion to population growth, a national solution to a nationwide problem sooner or later will become imperative.

Blame It On George Inflation

ART BUCHWALD
In The Commercial Appeal

WASHINGTON — Today we're going to have our quiz on inflation. You've had enough time to read up on it so you should do very well. All right, let's begin:

Question: Where does the word "inflation" come from?

Answer: In 1887 there was a bar and grill owner in San Francisco named George Inflation. One day he failed to receive a shipment of booze from the East. Since the demand for booze was great, George Inflation decided to charge 15 cents for a shot of whisky, instead of the standard 10 cents. He also made the shot glass smaller.

This did not stop his customers from buying booze, so he raised the price to 20 cents, then 25 cents. The other bars in San Francisco raised their prices accordingly, and when their customers complained the other bar and grill owners would say, "Blame it on Inflation."

Thus, inflation soon became part of the English language.

Q- What really causes inflation?

A- Economists. They're always talking about it. The trouble with inflation is that the more you talk about it, the more inflated things become. When the government says it's worried about inflation, business gets worried, too, and so it raises its prices to protect itself against the inflation the government is worried about -which, of course, brings on more inflation.

Q- Then why doesn't the government shut up about inflation?

A- Because it wants Congress to extend the 10 per cent surtax, and it has warned that, unless there is a surtax, inflation will run rampant.

Q- CAN YOU live with inflation?

A- You can if the bank doesn't take away your house.

Q- What about a little inflation?

A- Some economists say that a little inflation is a good thing because you have full employment. Other experts say it's better to have unemployment than inflation.

Q-Why do the latter say that?

A-Because they're working. Whether or not you have inflation, you're still going to need economists to tell you what you've got.

Q-What can the little guy do about inflation?

A-Write to his congressman and tell him if he doesn't do anything about it he's going to see that he's unemployed in 1971, which will be his contribution to fighting inflation.

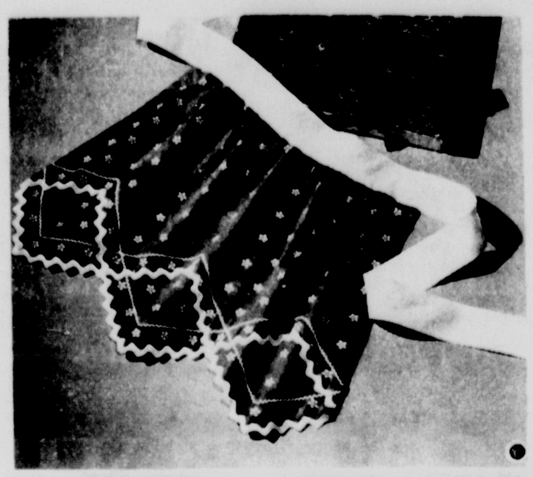
CROWNED FOR YULE

English folk festivals of the Middle Ages crowned a "Lord of Misrule," who directed the holiday celebrations.

SUDS shopping blues away!

After visiting every floor of the local department store in a single day to hunt presents for dad, the kids, grandma, and grandpa, you'll be ready for a "tired shopper" bath when you get home. Hang a "don't disturb" sign on the bathroom door and soak away in mildly warm water as though you had all the time in the world. Take along a pillow or rolled-up towel to rest your head on and a shower cap to protect your curls. Suds slowly with a deodorant soap, such as Dial, which can control the bacteria that cause body odor. When you begin to like the world again, let the water out of the tub, turn on the shower, also mildly warm, and sit down under it. Rest your head on your knees, and let the spray pelt you tenderly for a few minutes. After drying, dust with bath powder, and you'll be ready to battle the holiday rush once more.

Beautify A Bath with a brand new look in towels. Upcoming styles feature graphic and geometric designs as a fresh replacement for the ubiquitous florals. Color combinations are as sophisticated as the patterns.



NEW APRON DESIGN—Easy and inexpensive to make is this colorful cotton print apron that requires only a half yard of fabric. The diamond-shaped hem is detailed and edged in Coats & Clark's jumbo and baby rick rack in contrasting colors.

Down With Gimmickry, say discriminating Christmas givers tired of the useless geegaws and "executive toys." Up with the lasting and meaningful gift as the way to convey season's greetings. Top choice — sterling silver flatware in gifts as small as a bon bon spoon for a favorite hostess; as lavish as a silver service for the mother who never had a chance to collect sterling as a bride.

Battle of the Scents

Regular users of perfumes and colognes often find that perfumed beauty products completely overwhelm the subtler fragrances. To avoid this, use unscented products such as new White Rain Unscented Hair Spray. It allows the expensive fragrances of perfumes to come through clearly and cleanly.

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of a good old-fashioned Christmas and extend
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Chiang's China After 20 Years

Chiang Kai-shek arrived on Formosa just 20 years ago -- on Dec. 10, 1949. Two days earlier his government flew to the island, where they set up Nationalist Chinese headquarters.

Taiwan eats well. That's about the most constructive thing that can be reported after two decades of rule of the island --otherwise known as Formosa -- by the Nationalist Chinese. The island Chinese consume an average of 2,579 calories daily, the highest diet in Asia.

With massive American aid, the Chinese under Chiang Kai-shek have accomplished what are hailed in Asia as both agricultural and industrial miracles. The FAR EASTERN ECONOMIC REVIEW observes: "The revolution to come lies not merely in machinery but drastically altering culture patterns which have remained largely the same for thousands of years. This means superimposing a whole new way of life on ... Asia."

The U. S. has a great investment in Taiwan. The State Department puts total economic aid since Chiang left the mainland at upwards of $1.5 billion. Military aid totals more than $2.7 billion. Economic aid was cut off at the end of fiscal 1963, except for food aid under the food for peace program, which ended in fiscal 1968. Military aid continued to the extent of $60.5 million in fiscal 1960.

Chiang Kai-shek flew to Formosa on Dec. 10, 1949, just 10 days after the Chinese Nationalist capital of Chungking was occupied by Communist forces. President Harry S. Truman on Jan. 5, 1950, announced that the United States would "not provide military aid or advice to Chinese forces on Formosa."

Secretary of State Dean G. Acheson followed the President, explaining that the 1.5 million mainlanders who had fled to Formosa were able to obtain all required military equipment for themselves. All they needed, Acheson said, was the "will to resist." Later, during the McCarthy era, Acheson was to be accused of trying to "write off" China.

However, economic aid, extended in 1949 to areas that remained free of Communist controls, was continued. And in effect, military aid was forthcoming. From 1950 on, Congress agreed to underwrite the cost of containing Red China.

President Truman on June 27, 1950, announced that he had asked Formosa to call off raids on the mainland. Truman said that he had authorized the U. S. Seventh Fleet to "see that this is done." This action, later called the "leashing" of Chiang Kai-shek, proved reasonably effective.

With increased Communist pressure against the Nationalist-held offshore islands of Quemoy and Matsu, the United States on Dec. 2, 1954, signed a mutual security treaty with Chiang's Republic of China.

The story since has been one of, if not exactly tranquility, increasing stability. China, with other preoccupations, particularly with the Soviet Union, has for all practical purposes given up its threats to Taiwan.

Chiang turned 82 by the Western calendar last Oct. 31. There is no official crown prince, but Chiang eventually may give over the power to his Russian - trained elder son, Chiang Ching - kuo, who is 60 years old.

Meanwhile, the China exiles prosper. The army is aging but extremely well trained. Fertilizer, once in short supply, is now being exported. In some items -- mandarin oranges, for example -- the export demand exceeds the supply. Taiwan will continue to eat well, and short of hemispheric or world disruption, the future points to economic progress.

For thousands of years men tried to find a way of making base metals into gold. Alchemists thought gold the perfect metal and that other metals could be perfected by addition of some elixir or substance. The World Almanac notes. One formula guaranteed gold if you could beat the yolks of three eggs for an hour without once thinking of the word hippopotamus.

'Twas the Night Before Christmas...
Time for us to say thank you to our many friends, wishing them all "Merry Christmas"!

BRANUM'S CLEANERS
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The Meaning of Christmas

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By The Rev. SMITH L. LAIN
Editor, FINDINGS
Author, "Prayer," in the NEW BOOK OF KNOWLEDGE
The Episcopal Church Center
New York, N. Y.

Christmas is the time when . . .

We make approximately 75 per cent of our yearly profits. The time roughly between Thanksgiving and Christmas is our busiest season in the store. Easter is busy, too, but nothing like Christmas.

— a retail merchant

My wife and I think mostly about the kids. We had lots of fun when we were growing up, and we want our kids to have fun, too. Sure, we may go a little overboard on toys and all that sort of thing, but what the heck? Christmas is for kids, isn't it?

— a young father

We really go all out on music. Last year we hired a brass quartet to accompany the boys' choir. The congregation really loved it. The only trouble is that this year we'll have to come up with something even better or they'll think we are slipping.

— a church organist

People think they are celebrating an historical event. But they really aren't, you know. No one knows the exact date of Jesus' birth. The primitive church didn't even celebrate Christmas. Eventually the church settled on December 25th as a way to baptize an already popular, pagan holiday to celebrate the fact that the depth of winter was over and the days were getting longer again.

— a historian

Some of us get leave. Next Christmas I'll be home, I hope. It's a time when everybody should be home.

— a serviceman overseas

I get tired. The kids are on vacation. I have a thousand and one things to do — 500 cards to address, a half-dozen parties to go to, gifts for the children and Bob, a dinner party for Bob's boss and his snooty wife, get the tree and decorate it.

— a suburban housewife

People at Christmas time are kind of funny, kind of sad, kind of lonesome. Some are really happy no matter what reasons. Are these people really facing up to what Christmas is really all about? I wonder.

I have a copy of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible on my desk, and so I opened it and began to look through it, remembering what these people had said about Christmas. Here are some of the passages I found.

I found an expression of the wonder and humility of a mother expecting her first child, but a child unlike others: And Mary said.

"My soul magnifies the Lord
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.
for he has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden.
For behold, henceforth all
generations will call me blessed;
For he who is mighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his name . . ." (Luke 1:46-49)

I found the simple, moving story of Christ's birth:

"And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to be delivered. And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn." (Luke 2:4-7)

And further on I found the joyous message of the angels to the shepherds on the hillside outside Bethlehem:

". . . I bring you good news of great joy which will come to all people; for to you is born this day . . . A Savior, who is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:11-12)

But perhaps, most important of all, I found the story of Christ's life, a life which changed the history of the world and of the relationships between men. He said:

"Blessed are you poor, for yours is the kingdom of God."
"Blessed are you that hunger now, for you shall be satisfied."
"Blessed are you that weep now, for you shall laugh."
"Blessed are you when men hate you, and when they exclude you and revile you, and cast out your name as evil on account of the Son of man! Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven . . ." (Luke 6:20-23)

And further on:

"Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. To him who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also . . ." (Luke 6:27-29)

For the message of Christmas is not just the familiar and beautiful story of the birth of Christ and of its meaning for mankind. Christmas is the time when we remember the promise fulfilled by the Man who was born on Christmas. The people I have quoted — people not unlike many of us -- have forgotten the true meaning of Christmas because they have forgotten the *promise* of Christmas.

The truth of Christmas and the renewal of our belief in the real message of Christmas lies both in our understanding of the simple and at the same time awesome fact of Christ's birth *and* in our realization of the intimate and immediate way the fulfilled life of Christ touched and touches our lives.

PERENNIAL POSIES—A cheerful gift that gives year 'round pleasure is a bouquet of multi-colored flowers made from cotton calicoes, ginghams, and solids. Fabric petals are formed from two layers of fabric glued together with household cement for added stiffness. Buds are squares of fabric gathered over a loop of florist's wire.

Keeping The Truce In Ulster

LONDON -- English foot - soldiers are once again confronting Irish civilians as they have in past centuries. Tommies and the six-foot - high barbed wire curtain, euphemistically known as the "peace line," are all that keep Catholics and Protestants apart in Belfast. The prospect of British troops being quartered in Northern Ireland is an unhappy one for Parliament, but the daily possibility of the renewal of civil war seems even worse.

With reinforcements of Lifeguards, Lancers and Marines being airlifted in to keep the truce, it is 10 Downing Street which now calls the tune for the Ulster Parliament. Faced with the possible takeover by Westminster of his government, the beleaguered Prime Minister, James D. Chickester - Clark, has had to agree to almost everything Harold Wilson's government proposed.

The Commissioner of the City of London Police has been placed in charge of the Royal Ulster Constabulary. This force, which had nearly a third of its 3,000 members injured in the first months of rioting, was clearly incapable of keeping the peace. However, the Spectator notes that the Protestants have been highly distressed to see their government capitulate to the British.

Keeping the Irish at bay has been a nerve - racking operation for the British troops. The Financial Times reported that some of the soldiers said that holding Protestants and Catholics at arm's length was worse than keeping Greeks and Turks apart in Cyprus. Indeed, the army's task has become increasingly difficult as fear of the small patrols policing the streets after dark has diminished. At first the British were welcomed but now, as Mary Holland of the Observer notes, "there is a growing, resentful conviction that the Army is not there to guard their interests, but to contain them as troublemakers."

The heaviest fighting thus far was on the evening of October 11 when about 1,000 troops faced twice that number of Protestants who marched down Belfast's Shankill Road towards their favorite target, a block of houses known as "Unity Walk" which is exclusively rented to Catholics. Tear gas grenades were hurled into the crowd and 2 officers and 19 men were wounded. Now the battalions stationed in Belfast and Londonderry are preparing for the long, wet winter.

"The Ulster Premier will be sitting on a powder keg for months to come," the Spectator predicted, noting that "at worst, the powder keg will explode." How to appease 500,000 Catholics demanding civil rights, equal housing, and jobs without provoking a backlash among the million Protestants has been Chichester - Clark's dilemma.

The leader of the Protestant militants is the Rev. Ian Paisley, a fundamentalist who demounces Rome, Harold Wilson, and the devil in one long breath. Minister of Home Affairs James Callaghan accused Paisley of using "the language of war cast in a Biblical mould."

Despite all its talk of a "sell-out" the Unionist Party still aims to preserve the Protestant supremacy in Ulster. commented the Observer. The Protestants are particularly anxious there be no overtures to the southern portion of their divided island. They fear they would become an ineffectual minority in a Catholic dominated country should unification come about.

So tense is the confrontation between poor and ill-educated Catholics and Protestants in Northern Ireland that the peace could be shattered at any time by a stone, a petrol bomb, or a well-meaning overture to Dublin. As Callaghn told a hushed House of Commons, "If I said everything that was true about this situation, I could easily provoke a bloodbath."

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The Best to You at Christmas
May you and your family enjoy a happy holiday We thank you warmly.
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Thank you for your generous consideration.
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FROM A TEEN-AGE MOVIE-MAKER

Animated Mouse Solves Yule Problem

Once upon a time in Bloomington, Ind., there lived a small mouse who was a very woeful character, barred from his mouse house by a rock that rolled down a hill and blocked the front door on Christmas Eve.

Peter was the mouse's name, given him by a 16-year-old film-maker named Gerald D. Reynolds, who wrote and produced "Peter's Christmas."

The Plot Thickens

Since it was the day before Christmas (in the film) and Peter had to be in bed if he was to receive any presents from Santa, Peter tried everything to move the rock.

Finally, his thoughts of Santa inspired him. He slid down the chimney just in time to have a merry Christmas after all.

And just in time to win a prize for his creator in the Kodak Teen-Age Movie Awards competition.

For "Peter's Christmas," Gerald Reynolds won a special award for cartoon animation. The film included more than 800 drawings — half on paper and half on celluloid — and 25 backgrounds.

From the judges he got high praise — "remarkably well-done," "good job of animation," "displays considerable technical and creative ability."

Gerald was one of hundreds of young film-makers in the competition that Kodak sponsors annually in cooperation with the University Film Foundation on behalf of the University Film Association, whose members serve as judges, and the Council for International Nontheatrical Events, which chooses films from among the winners for showing at foreign film festivals.

Communicating Ideas

Most of all he is a member of today's young film generation, a group to which the camera is almost as familiar as the pencil for communicating ideas.

Young people all over the country are making films today. Students at Drake High School in San Anselmo, Calif., produced "The Idaho Test," a satire on standardized testing.

A group of Long Island students produced "For Whom The Torch Burns," a 90-minute thriller spoofing a plot to kidnap the Statue of Liberty.

And teen-agers in Richmond, Calif., made "The Dream Blowers — A Story of Sand, Sound and Soul," a 16mm dream fantasy, for $100.

In addition to the high school crowd, movie-making appeals to innercity groups. It's especially booming on the college campus where an estimated 2,500 courses in film production and appreciation are currently offered in the United States.

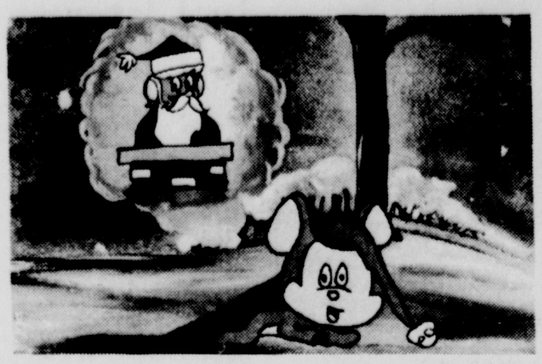
For Fun or Career

Most of these young people make movies for the sheer joy of it, but for some, movie-making is pointing the way to career opportunities.

"I would like to have a small animation studio of work for one," says Gerald Reynolds, who also is interested in television writing.

For Gerald, "Peter's Christmas" gave a chance to tell the story as he envisioned it.

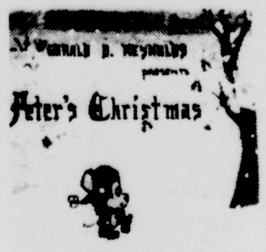
And for all the movie generation, encouraged by new easy-to-use cameras and dedicated to seriousness of purpose, the movie route appears the most natural, creative way in the world to make a statement.



PETER TRIES ALL OF DECEMBER 23rd and 24th, but still the rock bars the doorway. Knowing that Santa won't leave him any presents unless he is in bed, he falls to the ground crying. But then he gets a brilliant idea. If Santa can slide down the chimney, so can Peter!

A MOUSE AND HIS CHRISTMAS PROBLEM is the subject of an animated cartoon, called "Peter's Christmas." The story begins happily on December 23rd, when Peter's mother sends him to the store for some groceries. The delectable teen-age mouse is his sister, Ellen.

PROBLEMS START POPPING UP WHEN Peter returns from the store with a big bag of cheese. He finds that a huge rock has rolled off a passing truck and is barring the entrance to the Mouse House. He tries pushing, shoving and leverage with a big stick, but to no avail.



"PETER'S CHRISTMAS" tells the story of a mouse barred from his mouse house on Christmas Eve. The film, by Gerald D. Reynolds, won a special award in the Kodak Teen-Age Movie Awards competition.

PETER FINDS THE GOING A BIT ROUGH about half way down, since he is new at chimney-sliding compared to Santa. But our hero does manage it and snuggles down into bed just before Santa arrives with his presents. And so Peter has a very Merry Christmas after all.

1969 KODAK TEEN-AGE MOVIE AWARDS
Senior Category
Fourth Prize
THE CASE OF A LIFETIME
By: Kenton G. Murphy, 15, Westminster Schools, 1424 West Paces Ferry NW Atlanta, Georgia 30327
16mm Black-and-White
Sound on Film 11 minutes

A tricycle, brought to life by special film-making effects and even given a personality, leads a teen-age boy down a spiral staircase, over high walls, up a metal chain, and finally down the road to his demise in THE CASE OF A LIFETIME. Throughout the chase, the trike keeps well ahead of the boy. At one point, it dances to an up-tempo, bossa nova beat on a theatre stage. After luring the boy into a fall into the orchestra pit, the trike slides over to him to make up for its wrong doing. A tender reconciliation takes place, trike and boy whiz through the streets together. Their euphoria is short-lived, however, and the trike, temporarily ignored, is off on its own again. A wild chae ensues, and just as the boy is about to overtake the trike, he trips and falls. Immediately, a siren sounds, and it turns out to be an "ambulance" with "medics" from the local heart bank ready to perform an on-the-spot heart removal operation. As the ambulance drives off with a plastic heart on the stretcher, he trike follows faithfully to the strains of a somber processional.

Judge's Comments:

THE CASE OF A LIFETIME was praised by the judges as a "delightful farce-comedy that obviously took an enormous amount of effort to produce." Its many humorous sight gags... excellent concept... most effective and gentle humanization of tricycle... and special excellence of musical score were also noted.

TRIMMING THE TREE

Tradition of decorating a community Christmas tree began in the early 1900's and is a favorite custom today.

Poinsettia Shows Season's Colors

Showing the colors of Christmas, red and green, the tropical poinsettia adorns many homes at the holiday season. Though it is now a favorite holiday houseplant, the poinsettia is a relative newcomer to the customs of Christmas.

It was discovered by, and later named for, Joel R. Poinsett. When he was serving as U.S. minister to Mexico in 1828, Dr. Poinsett sent a cutting of the plant to a friend.

Growers became interested, but it was not until 1906 that the poinsettia was marketed.

A Christmas Prayer

With most sincere hopes that peace and happiness be with us all. Many thanks.

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Christmas Cheer

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Christmas Cookie Shortcuts

'Tis the season for mother to bake cookies and for kids to munch them.

The gingerbreadman and sugary confections that delight the family can be more fun than drudgery for mom if she uses baking shortcuts and modern time-savers.

Always whip up several batches of cookies at the same time. You'll save stooping and reaching because all the ingredients will be out on the counter at once. While one recipe bakes, you can mix up the next. After popping the last dozen in the oven, you can start cleaning up.

Does the recipe call for greased cookie sheets? Cut time and shortening by using a Kleenex paper towel with a small piece of margarine or butter and greasing in circles on the pan where you will lay the cookies.

Every woman who has ever rolled cookies to cut knows how tough the dough gets after she works it in flour. Next time, mix half flour and half powdered sugar and sprinkle the mixture on your pastry cloth or dough board. The cookies will roll easier and faster, and the little bit of sugar absorbed prevents toughening by flour and handling.

When mixing dough too, you'll want paper towels handy just in case the phone or doorbell rings. If it does, wrap your hand with towels, and you can open the door or lift the receiver without making a sticky mess.

After you bake, cool cookies thoroughly on several layers of paper towels. The towels will absorb excess moisture quickly, and you won't have a messy cooling rack to wash up.

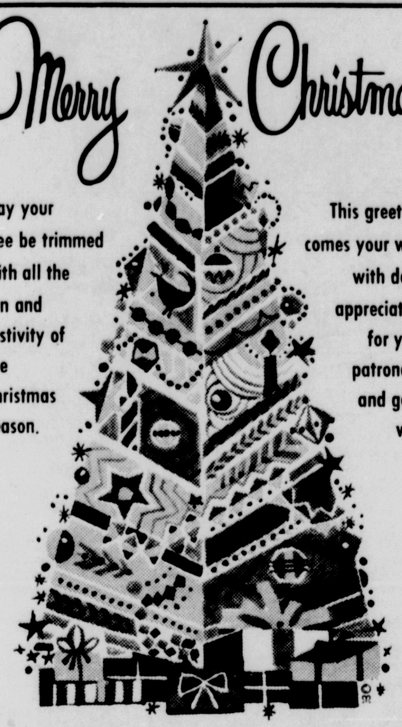
When cookies are completely cool, line the cookie jar with more towels. Stack the cookies in the jar, placing another towel on top. Made of two layers bonded together for extra absorbency, Kleenex towels will keep your cookies crisp and crunchy until the last crumb is gone.

With the cookie project over, the lots of goodies hidden away on kitchen shelves, a quick wipe-up with damp paper towels will make counter tops and tables neat again.

Try a few shortcuts and time-saver paper towels this holiday season, and you'll find it easier to beat cookie-baking bother.

A Luxurious Thought for the man in your life: a replica of a solid gold Cadillac, filled with Avon after shave lotion. Molded in plastic with a glinty gold finish, the decanter is an authentic reproduction of the famous auto. Note these details: a trunk which is actually a twist-off cap; the handsomely-scaled body filled with a choice of three manly scents.

Merry Christmas



May your tree be trimmed with all the fun and festivity of the Christmas season.

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3 cheers for Scrooge

Who said they hate Christmas?

Holiday hassle often brings on tension, colds, and complexion problems that can turn even the most cheerful person into a humbugging Scrooge.

If you find the season's greetings a real pain, here are some tips from Saunda, Inc. of Chicago to help you toast the holidays in spirited good health.

Uptight Shopping? Jostling crowds and heavy packages often spell frazzled nerves, tension tight muscles and tired feet. Next time you have that "oh, my aching body" feeling after shopping, relax with the Masseuse. This handy electric body massager with its unique quilted head will help you search out and smooth out even the most stubborn body aches — to feel good again.

Cantankerous cold? Holiday rush can leave you "run down." If you're frustrated because you're too stuffed up to smell the fragrance of hearty Christmas fare—take heart. The Nasal Hygiene Appliance gives fast temporary relief from nasal stuffiness, sinus congestion, excess smoking and dehumidity. The revolutionary appliance provides a warm mist that removes noxious materials from nose and sinuses to let you breathe again.

Facing-up to embarrassment? Tension from gift decisions, over-indulgence in festive cheer, late hours, rich foods—all ingredients for complexion upsets. You can face up to the holidays with confidence by using some complexion care. The face-saving facial appliance will help with its warm penetrating mist that cleanses away excess oils, make up, and dirt for a cleaner, softer more radiant complexion.

For yourself or as a gift, all these health care products by Saunda, Inc. are designed to help you give and get the most out of Christmas and all the days after.

DECORATING TRICK—A tall off-size window is given subtle decorating treatment in a bedroom that combines the old and the new effectively. The trick: vertical blinds of white cotton against an all-white background. Made with Tontine shade cloth, the blinds add linear definition while providing light and privacy control. Floral-printed cotton covers the antique brass bed.

PAUL FLOWER'S GREENHOUSE

Speaker, intoxicated by the sound of his own voice, repeated "now in the final analysis" several times in his masterpiece of eloquence the other day.

Hypercritical auditor, dousing his umteenth cigaret in the residue of a cup of coffee, took to woolgathering and wondered if there is such a thing as a semi-final analysis, maybe a quarter-final, and eventually an elimination analysis.

To Rudyard Kipling the civilized world is indebted for the line:

"A woman is only a woman, but a good cigar is a smoke."

It required a woman, the novelist George Sand, to write:

"The cigar numbs sorrow and fills the solitary hours with a million gracious images."

And Mark Twain, walking on a Hannibal, Mo., street with a cigar box under his arm, was asked by a neighbor:

"Whither, Sam?"

To which he replied:

"I'm moving."

It was about time for somebody to write and publish a book about cigars, their history, lore and the joys they impart to those who puff; Zino Davidoff has done it with "The Connoiseur's Book Of the Cigar" (McGraw-Hill, $5.95), 92 pages of charm in text and pictures, and bound to resemble a box of select smokes.

Mr. Davidoff was aided by Gilles Lambert, and the book was translated from the French by Lawrence Grow.

Exiled, Zino left Russia with his parents in a covered wagon, lived in Geneva; among his souvenirs from his father's tobacco shop in Switzerland is a bill marked "Not Paid," and the name of the customer, Vladimir Ulyanov, known to history as Lenin.

In Brazil Zino discovered black tobacco and was advised by a Brazilian planter to go to Cuba, which he did, and there learned the trade from seed to smoke. He write:

"We hever know exactly why we smoke. It is imperative, nowever, to know how to smoke."

Much of the book is devoted to explaining and demonstrating how to choose cigars, how to light them, even how to hold them. He urges that a cigar is also to be smoked with the fingers.

Although Winston Churchill, a cigar smoker of prodigious persistence, violated the rule, Zino submits that a cigar should be held between the index finger and thumb, not between index and middle fingers. There is a code of etiquette.

"Women who Ls Umeko T smoke and know how to enjoy a good Havana are more numerous than you might think, he writes ... George Sand and Alfred DeMussett, the poet, shared many happy hours puffing in unison; Amy Lowell, Imagist member of the famous Boston family, generally had a cigar either in hand to mouth; the author admits many famous women are customers of his shop in Geneva.

Famous men who were (or are) cigar smokers include Honore de Balzac, Lord Byron, Casanova, Comte de Chambrun, Charles Chaplin, Francois - Rene de Chateaubriand, Churchill, Henry Clay, Don Juan, Raoul Dufy, Edward VII of England, King Farouk, Marshall Foch, Sigmund Freud, Col. John Glenn, Ernest Hemingway, Victor Hugo, Rudyard Kipling, Ivar Kreuger, La Rochefoucauld, Franz Franz Liszt, Thomas Marshall, Groucho Marx, W. Somerset Maugham, Aristotle Onassis, Prince Ranier of Monaco, Sir Walter Raleigh, Edward G. Robinson, Mark Twain, Pope Urban VIII and Queen Victoria.

Among other points, Zino says it is untidy and bad manners to drop the ash on the floor, but otherwise no harm is done, unless you count the loss of certain esthetic values in looking at a cone of gray at the tip of a Corona, Perfecto, Panatela, Lonsdale, Culebra or demitasse, whether oscuro, maduro, colorado or claro.

Total production of cigars is about 700 million a year.

Commercial Appeal

THE RAVAGES OF MARIJUANA

The forces which support the marijuana traffic and favor the legalization of marijuana are talking louder every day. The press is full of quotations from this and that "expert" who claims that marijuana is only a harmless weed, and that the laws against it should be abolished.

Today we're citing some facts about marijuana, as found in an official report of the Los Angeles Police Department.

The use of marijuana results in marked dilation of the pupils and the eyes become bloodshot. There is an increase in thirst and appetite. Muscular incoordination is noted and hallucinations, delirium and alternate laughing and crying occur.

Marijuana, like alcohol, acts almost entirely upon the central nervous system, affecting motor control, perception, and judgment and releasing inhibitions which normally stand guard over behavior. Marijuana ordinarily produces an intial stimulation, during which the smoker becomes emotionally unstable, exhilarated, talkative, and giggly.

This stage is followed by a period of depression, during which he may become drowsy and lose contact with reality as he drifts into an euphoric state. Time and space are distorted; sights and sounds are exaggerated. He becomes intoxicated and he may walk unsteadily, see fuzzily, and act stupidly.

How does Marijuana harm society? Since a person using it has a strong desire not to stand alone against the express rules of society, he constantly attempts to influence others to share his position. There is great exhilaration in joining a band of "missinary outlaws" who are convinced that their psychic revolution will bring about the betterment of man. In their own view, they may feel they are "getting out of the rate race" and closer to reality. They believe, says Dr. Dana Farnsworth of Harvard, that they belong to a superior order of human beings.

Dr. Edward Bloomquist says, "Kids who get high repeatedly don't want to come down. They find a world where seemingly they have no problems and they become social bums. They turn the whole pot scene into a protest tool which they use to mock the middle- class culture they disdain."

Quick Holiday Fruit Glaze

Ham or fresh pork roasts become festive in minutes with this lemon-tart fruit glaze. Mix ¼ cup applesauce, ¼ cup pineapple preserves and 2 tablespoons of ReaLemon bottled lemon juice together. Spoon over roast half hour before removing from the oven.

This recipe and 70 others—including entrees, desserts, vegetables, breads, and beverages—can be found in ReaLemon Food's new 50-page recipe book. For your copy, send 25¢ to cover postage and handling to: Turn on Taste recipe book, 4834 West Armitage Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60639.

It's A Quilting Bee, and all the fashionmakers are in on the fun. The logical follow-up for all the patchwork fabrics we've been seeing, quilting adds a dimensional look to at home clothes, jumpsuits, evening coats, and skirts of all lengths.

Merry Christmas

Best wishes of the season, friends, and grateful thanks.

Jerry Galemore's Standard Service

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS

We want to say a sincere "thank you" to all our great friends and wish them all the laughter, fun and good cheer of this happy holiday season

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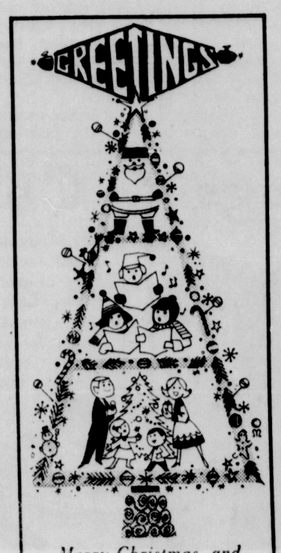

Merry Christmas, and many thanks to our loyal friends and neighbors.

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Merry Christmas

May the essence of Christmas once again fill your heart and home with peace and lasting serenity.

To all our faithful and steadfast patrons, we wish the very best at the holiday season.

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Small Gift Of Love

By MARY ELLEN HOLMES

Captain would remember the Christmas Light' in Ellen's eyes when she saw the doll of transition between sun and stars - and she did not really see the doll until her overshoe touched it just inside the front door in the dark little hallway leading into her office. She reached down and felt, rather than saw, the smooth china of the face, the bulky softness of the nurse's cap, and the piece of paper pinned to the stiff white of the uniform apron.

Under the light on her desk she read the words. "Please give this doll to some little girl who will love it. Her name is Florence."

The note was unsigned.

And so- in the beginning - no one really did know where the doll came from at all.

Ellen Johnson was just eight years old when the small gift of love which was the doll was given to her. Exactly eight, for she had been born on Christmas Day, and it may well be that the Christmas birthday had prompted Captain Dunlap when she placed the doll, carefully wrapped in white tissue, on top of the Johnson food basket.

Or perhaps it was just that, from the moment she picked the doll up in the darkened hallway, the captain had been thinking how excited Ellen would be over the white uniform, the starched cap, the nurse's apron. Ellen, who, at eight, already knew that she had to be a nurse some day. Ellen, who, still almost a baby herself, could soothe a crying infant with her touch,or bring a fever down, or calm a frightened, hurt child, or bandage a wound, or heal a broken bird wing.

It was a long climb up five flights of stairs to the tiny room and a half where Ellen lived with her grandmother since her parents had been killed in a fire in a shabby tenement building across town, but to Captain Dunlap, the bushel basket grew lighter with every step. There was a small chicken in the basket, and potatoes, milk and butter, some onions and carrots and a soup bone. There was a homemade fruit cake wrapped in Christmas tissue and a knitted, warm shoulder shawl for Granny Johnson. And on top of the basket, carefully covered with white tissue, there was the doll. It was as if Captain Dunlap carried a little of heaven and earth in her arms. And who knows, perhaps she did!

Ellen heard her coming, and rushed headlong down the last flight to meet her. "Merry Christmas, Captain!" she called from the landing, "merry, merry Christmas!" At the child's insistence, Captain Dunlap released one wire handle of the basket toward her and together, carrying it between them as if it were a great treasure chest og gold, they climbed the fifth flight of stairs.

Inside the little apartment everything was spotless and shining. On a table near the window a lone branch of pine lent a sweet Christmas fragrance to a tiny Nativity scene, carefully, skillfully fashioned from magazine cutouts and matchsticks.

Captain Ann Dunlap lived to be 69, and until the day she died she never forgot the look on Ellen Johnson's face when she first saw the doll. Mostly it was the eyes, so large and luminous to start with, so filled with childlike hope and wonder. Christmas eyes, they were - and if you have ever met anyone born on Christmas Day you will know what that means.

The captain could not remember, afterward, what was said in the little room that late Christmas Eve. But she could remember, always, the eyes - the swift delight, the incredible joy, the great gratitude, and the sudden tears that welled like jewels and dropped like silver rain.

And in that room, in that moment of time and space, the captain knew that, somehow, Ellen Johnson would be a nurse because someone, with the small gift of love which was the doll, had given her a star to follow.

A dozen swift years came and went - and in the, Ellen Johnson and "Florence" became something of a legend in Manhattan. It was as if God had granted to Ellen a special gift of healing. She had only to walk into a room and the sunshine came with her. She went gladly, willingly wherever there was suffering or pain or sorrow, and always when she left there was peace and calm behind her. If the patient were a child, then Florence accompanied Ellen, and often over the years the doll was left, clasped tightly in a child's arms, until a crisis passed, or a broken leg healed, or a rheumatic heart grew strong.

When finally, at twenty, Ellen was able to enter nurse's training, she was already more a nurse than many nurses ever learn to be. When she was capped she stayed on in the hospital and, although she was often offered promotions, she preferred to be what she was - a floor nurse, with a special affinity for those who needed her most. Somehow the most irascible patients accepted her, the most critically ill rallied, the most unhappy found hope.

And so it was not unusual at all that Ellen should have taken a special interest in Mrs. Jonathan Brewster from the moment she entered the hospital, for Mrs. Brewster was all three problems in one- irascible, critically ill following a heart attack, and utterly (and volubly) unhappy.

During his lifetime, Mr. Brewster had donated generously to the hospital, and his will had left a bequest large enough to build a children's wing in memory of the little girl the Brewsters had lost many years before. Now, in her illness, Mrs. Brewster reverted often to the past, one moment haughtily demanding service, the next pitifully crooning a lullaby to an imaginary child she rocked endlessly in her arms. Vestiges of grade and beauty still clung to her body, but bitterness and selfishness so overshadowed her spirit that in the first week of her hospitalization she went through eight private duty nurses, dismissing all of them and finally deciding not to hire any more.

Dr. Brock, who attended her, was more than a little troubled, but even he could not persuade her to treat her nurses as if they were human beings. It was almost as if Mrs. Brewster hated nurses and deliberately wanted them to hate her.

The family physician who turned the case over to Dr. Brock had been stricken himself with a heart attack two days after admitting Mrs. Brewster. From his own hospital bed, he had given explicit instructions and a grave warning. "She's like a dowager without a dynasty," he advised. "All her life she's had her own way and, difficult though it will be, you'll have to appease her in every way you can. To antagonize or upset her in her present condition would be fatal."

There were many times, in the weeks which followed, when Dr. Brock wondered if it would not be fatal for him if he continued to "take" Mrs. Brewster. In the old days, he might have been able to talk out his frustration with his wife, but Dr. Brock had been a widower for three years, and so he worried only his own heart with the old lady he wanted so desperately to help.

Through it all, though, Ellen Johnson was a godsend. Not that Mrs. Brewster was any less harsh with Ellen than with the others. If anything, she was even more critical and demanding. But in spite of it- or perhaps because of it - Ellen quietly came more often than necessary to the room, ministering to Mrs. Brewster's needs, speaking gently, making her comfortable.

As Christmas approached, Ellen tried several times to share with Mrs. Brewster the plans and preparations being made in the hospital for the holiday. But Mrs. : Brewster would have non of it. At the mention of Christmas she became sullen and melancholy and one day, when Ellen was especially happy over decorating the tree in the children's ward, Mrs. Brewster lashed out almost violently. "Christmas is stupid and senseless, and so are all the people who believe in it," she declared, staring icily at Ellen.

"Never that, Mrs. Brewster," Ellen answered as gently as if she were placating a disobedient child. "Christmas is full of warmth and wisdom. The very thought of the birth of the Christ Child makes me glad inside."

"Humbug!" Mrs. Brewster snorted, and if she had learned the word from Scrooge himself she could not have delivered it more convincingly. "If there is a God He would know better than to try to save the world with a baby."

"It was the only way He could," Ellen said. "If Jesus had come to earth as a king, people might have followed Him because of His power, or His wealth. When God sent Him as a tiny baby lying in a manger He knew that people would come to Him only because they loved Him. That's what Christmas really is, Mrs. Brewster - a small gift of love to lead men back to God."

"Love!" Mrs. Brewster rejoined. "Was it love that took away my only child?"

"Love gave her to you in the beginning," Ellen said softly, "and death does not really take away, except for just a little while."

They did not speak again of Christmas until Sunday afternoon, and then it was Dr. Brock who was responsible for the incident.

Sunday was Ellen's usual day off, but she had stopped by the hospital anyway just to see how Mrs. Brewster was. And so she was there, in the room, when Dr. Brock brought the Christmas tree.

It was a small artificial tree on a tiny standard, gaily decorated with old- fashioned ornaments and golden tinsel. He placed it carefully on the bedside table and smiled at Ellen across the glimmering star crowning the top branch.

"Merry Christmas to both of you," he said gaily. "I haven't had a Christmas tree since my wife died, and I decided I wanted to share it with my favorite patient."

"Get it out of here!"

The words were sharp, hysterical, "Get it out of here, I said." Mrs. Brewster raised up from the pillow, her face flushed, her mouth distorted, her breathing harsh and irregular.

In a moment Ellen had lifted the tree from the table, carried it into the corridor and rushed back to help Dr. Brock with his patient. It took a long time to calm Mrs. Brewster but finally, when she had dropped into an easy sleep, Ellen followed the doctor into the hall. He stood there awkwardly, holding the tree, looking like a small boy who had been punished for something he could not understand.

"She doesn't really mean to be unkind," Ellen said. "It's just that she's old and lonely and afraid."

The doctor looked at Ellen, her beginning to - gray hair under the little hat reaching almost but not quite to his shoulder, and before the gentle understanding in her eyes he was suddenly ashamed and shy.

"You're right," he said. "She really is!" And then, mostly because he wanted to express the warm glow he felt stirring within him at that moment, he handed Ellen the tree. "The tree isn't much," he said, "but the ornaments were mine when I was small, and the star is one my father made."

Love comes in many different ways, but never more simply or never more beautifully than it came that Sunday before Christmas to Ellen Johnson and Dr. David Brock, standing in the hospital corridor outside the door of an irascible old woman who had been their Cupid.

The days following that Sunday were filled with work and wonder. Ellen was more nurse than ever now, for love lent a new magic to her touch; and her happiness was a golden cup, full and running over, to be shared by all her patients.

All, that is, except Mrs. Brewster who grew daily more irritable and hard to please. She was sitting up a little bit at a time now, berating everyone in the hospital, especially Ellen. But when the supervisor sent Ellen to the other end of the hallway on emergency duty, Mrs. Brewster demanded her back immediately. "She's the only one around here I can stand to look at," she said.

Finally, Christmas Eve came.

In the rest of the hospital there was the same hustle and bustle which accompanies Christmas any place. In the kitchen the turkeys were ready for their special stuffing; in the wards the Christmas trees were trimmed; from the hospital windows candles sent gleams across the snow; and in the corridors the carolers sang of a silent night, of a manger in Bethlehem, and of three kings bearing gifts and following a star.

But Mrs. Brewster would have none of it at all.

She asked the night nurse to close the transom, and when the carolers stopped at her door to wish her a merry Christmas she ordered them, imperiously, away.

She was sitting up in bed when Ellen knocked softly at the door and entered carrying the tissue - wrapped package. It was late, for there had been - as there always are - many Christmas Eve emergencies. Ellen was tired, and the tiredness showed in her eyes, but she had felt compelled all day to do what now she did.

"Merry Christmas, Mrs. Brewster," she said brightly. "I've brought you a gift.

"I have no need for gifts!"

Sullenly, Mrs. Brewster turned her face away from Ellen's look of compassion. "Merry Christmas, indeed. To me, this is only the day my daughter died." And then, as if she needed to be superior to cover up the tremor in her voice, she added icily, "What gift could you possibly give to me that would be of any value?"

"It's the greatest gift I have to give," Ellen said simply, "and I don't really know why I want you to have it, but I do."

Awkwardly, she placed the box on the bed and started for the door.

"Wait!" The word was sharp and demanding, and Ellen answered the command as naturally as she would have obeyed a doctor's order. "Take the gift with you," Mrs. Brewster said, "I don't need it."

"Oh, but you do!" And suddenly all the things Ellen had wanted to say for so long were pouring out in a torrent of words- kind words, beautiful words, words touched with tenderness and tolerance.

"It's more than a gift I bring you in the box," Ellen said. "It's all the things that gift meant to me. I was eight years old when someone sent it to me for Christmas. My parents were dead, and I was sometimes hungry, and always poor, and often afraid. But somehow, after that Christmas I was never really any of those things again. It was as if this were more than a gift- it was a symbol. Someone had shared love with me and kindness. Someone had sent hope to me wrapped in white tissue paper. Someone had given me a star in the darkness of my despair."

"And now..." the whispered words came strangely from Mrs. Brewster's lips, "... and now I am poor and hungry and afraid. And all my money cannot bring me love or hope - and nowhere in the darkness can I see a star."

"The star is there," Ellen said, "and if only you will let us, David and I will love you. That's why I brought the gift to you, to tell you now - as it told me then - that you are not forgotten."

Carefully she unwrapped the tissue from the box and placed the doll in its white uniform in Mrs. Brewster's cradled, empty arms.

For a long moment there was silence in the room, and then suddenly Ellen saw in Mrs. Brewster's eyes the same unforgettable things Captain Dunlap had seen in hers so many years before - the swift delight, the incredible joy, the great gratitude, and the sudden tears welling like jewels and dropping like silver rain.

Even before she heard the words, Ellen knew - it was as if she had known from the first moment Mrs. Brewster entered the hospital...

"It's Florence!" Mrs. Brewster said slowly, unbelievingly. "It's the Christmas doll I bought so many years ago for my little girl. It's the doll I took to the Salvation Army hall the afternoon my daughter died in the flu epidemic in 1918." And so, in the end - as it was in the beginning - the story of the doll reads like a fairy tale woven from gossamer. There is mystery in it and romance, light and shadow, tears and laughter.

But most important of all, there is in it, and running through it, the great glorious message of Christmas itself- that no kindness is ever lost, and that a small gift of love is still the world's greatest miracle.

NEED MORE BATHROOM STORAGE SPACE?

Do you have an old-fashioned bathroom with lots of space but no place to put anything?

That's typical of many bathrooms in older homes, where fixtures are widely separated with nothing but bare walls between.

The solution is a remodeling job that includes well-planned built-ins, the Plumbing - Heating - Cooling Information Bureau points out. For example, an old freestanding lavatory can be replaced with modern twin lavatories mounted in a wide countertop. The space under the counter can be devoted entirely to drawers, entirely to shelves or to a combination of both. Alternately, one section can be fitted with a pull-out clothes hamper and the rest left to storage.

Of course the twin bowls in the countertop are a convenience in themselves, especially during the morning rush hour, when they speed traffic through the bathroom.

Another bare wall in the room can be devoted to floor - to - ceiling cabinets with handsome fronts. Extra supplies of linens and toiletries can be stored on top shelves and similar equipment in more frequent use on the more accessible ones.

Most old-fashioned bathrooms also have plenty of room for spacious medicine cabinets with two and even three compartments and a wide expanse of mirror that gives the bathroom an overall look of luxury.

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Pilgrims in Many Lands

By L. PRESCOTT PLATT

To many Christians throughout the world Christmas means a journey to one of several major shrines to celebrate the birth of Christ almost 2,000 years ago.

For some the pilgrimage is long and difficult. In Chile thousands travel along narrow trails and through mountain passes to reach a small church near La Serena, where a small statue of the Holy Virgin and Child is enshrined.

The statue was uncovered many years ago by a Chilean peasant who appointed himself its guardian. As the number of persons who went to his hut to worship the statue grew, the annual occasion became increasingly festive. Today the celebration is known as the Fiesta of the Virgin del Rosario.

In Rome a fast precedes the official opening of the Christmas season, the beginning of which has been heralded for centuries by a signal gun fire at sunset on Christmas even, from the Castle San Angelo on the historic Tiber.

St. Peter's and its huge colonnaded square are filled with worshipers while the voices of the Sistine choir ring out richly above the throng.

In the New World Old Quebec City and its Fete de Noel draw thousands of pilgrims. Visitors to this shrine encounter French and English traditions, some dating from medieval times. They see re-enacted the centuries - old Saxon custom of dragging in the Yule log and the procession of the boar's head at the Chateau Frontenac. The pilgrim may visit the famous Basilica, seat of the cardinal. In the lower and oldest section of the city are the Church of Notre Dame des Victoires and the Shrine of the Little Cakes, "Les Petit Pains de Sainte Genevieve." There persons may obtain baked rolls, each about the size of a marble, which, if carried, supposedly guarantee that one's pocket will always contain money.

In the little parish church of St. Nikola at Oberndorf, Austria, is a memorial plaque depicting the ecstasy of Father Josef Mohr as he recites the words, "Stille Nacht, Heilige Nacht" to a guitar accompaniment by Franz Xaver Gruber. The words that had inspired the old pastor came to him as he returned from an errand of mercy one Christmas eve long ago. Under the bright and peaceful stars he whispered to himself, "It must have been a night like this, that silent, holy night in Bethlehem."

The well known carol, "Silent Night, Holy Night," might never had been known to the world had it not been for Father Josef's broken - down organ. It was the organ builder who heard the song, while repairing the instrument, and being impressed by its beauty and simplicity, transcribed it for a family of folk singers who traveled throughout the country at that time.

DIARY OF A WOMAN IN WHITE

An internationally renowned noval, France's half - million - copy number one bestseller, DIARY OF A WOMAN IN WHITE by Andre' Soubiran, makes its first American appearance in this Avon edition.

Written in diary form, the novel represents the intimate revelations of a young woman who elects to hazard her brilliant career -- and even her hopes for happiness and fulfillment as a woman -- in order to fight for sexual freedom for all women. The French newspaper LE FIGARO commented, "It plumbs the mind and soul of this woman in white, making her confront for herself, and for all women, the problem of love, the problem of the unwanted child, the problem of birth control."

We send best wishes for happiness and good health in this holiday season, as well as our grateful thanks to all.

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Gift Ideas for Unrelated V.I.P's

In every gal's life, there are about a dozen very important people who aren't related by either birth, marriage or friendship.

They have probably never seen the inside of her house and couldn't care less if she's five pounds overweight.

These people are the garage mechanic, the hair stylist, the manicurist, the mailman, the milkman, the regular sales clerk, and other miscellaneous "service" people.

Without their cooperation a gal has had it. With them on her side, life becomes a breeze.

For 11½ months of the year, a perfectly normal business relationship is carried on with these people. But at Christmas time it's all up for grabs and proper appreciation must be shown for past service rendered.

In other words, it's Christmas gift payola time and a smart chick will make sure there's a little something extra for each of these important people—in addition to the cash envelope, of course!

To her rescue comes The Paper Mate Company, which has created two new products this year that can serve as absolutely lovely "extra" presents for the v.i.p. list.

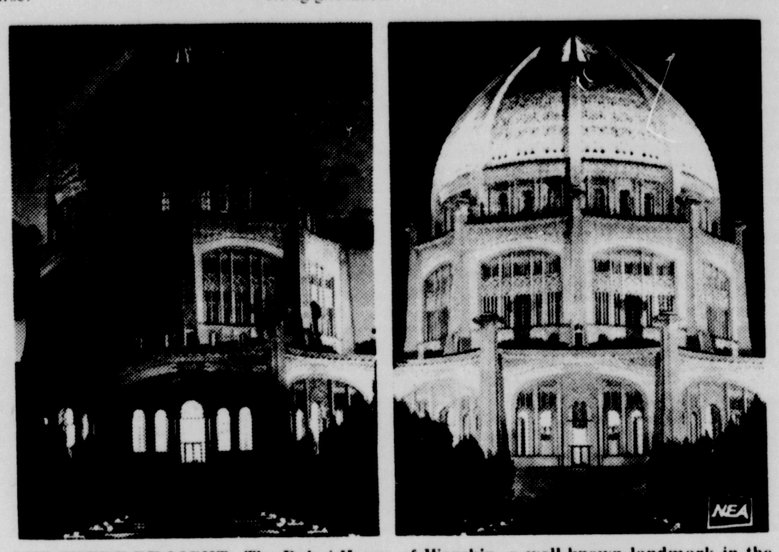
For the females, there's the slim and graceful Petite pen with the new powerpoint refill that writes by pressure rather than gravity. With it, you can even write on walls!

The powerpoint writes at any angle, even upside down, and has a cleaner, clearer line than conventional ballpoint pens.

For the men, there's the useful and utilitarian Flair pen in a variety of bright, clear colors. The milkman will find it handy for marking the milk card and the garage man for totaling the bill.

And if she's really with it this year, the foresighted shopper will get extra Paper Mates to give as presents to last minute "thought of's" or drop in guests or even Christmas stocking stuffers.

They're also pretty nice to use for addressing Christmas cards, drawing up shopping lists, or writing gift labels.



LET THERE BE LIGHT. The Bahai House of Worship, a well-known landmark in the Chicago suburb of Wilmette, Ill., has been brilliantly floodlighted with a unique blend of "warm" and "cool" light. The temple is the first major house of worship in the world to use this dramatic new lighting technique. It creates a subtle transition from warm, "golden-white" tone at base to a cool, "blue-white" hue at top of 165-foot structure. Photo at left shows temple as it appeared before introduction of GE lighting system, right, which makes it visible from downtown Chicago, 18 miles away.

The Medigame

Editor: Ron Grandon

Washington, D.C. — The 615,000 increase in the number of new cancer cases last year was accompanied by an even more sinister development - the increase in activity of the so-called "cancer quacks."

The National Cancer Institute has called this century, not the Middle Ages, the "Gold Age of Quackery."

The pretenders to medical skill, according to one government estimate, bilked the public of more than $1 billion for useless cures, food fads and mechanical devices last year.

A woman receiving radiation treatment for cervical cancer from a phyician experienced "radiation sickness" - a temporary condition that sometimes, occurs with this therapy. Instead of talking it over with her doctor, she decided the radiation was not helping her and sought the aid of a well-known cancer quack. She stopped the radiation treatment and started taking the quack's expensive "special" medicine.

Since the radiation side effects went away, the woman felt better for awhile and believed the quack was curing her. A short time later she died.

In another case, a man noticed blood in his urine and concluded that he had cancer of the bladder. Rather than consult a doctor, he went to a quack. As his condition became steadily worse, he finally saw a doctor.

The time he wasted meant the difference between catching an early cancer, for which high cure rates are possible, and an advanced case with a much lower chance of cure.

According to the Cancer Institute, "The cause of cancer is still unknown, although intense research efforts are bringing us closer to the answer every day."

The only people who claim to have solved the mystery of cancer and to have a cure- all for it are the quacks.

The backwoods quack with a cure- all potion brewed under a full moon is easy to spot. Sometimes, however, the quack claims medical training and surrounds himself with "scientific" equipment.

Finally, The Cancer Institute insists, a biopsy is the only sure way to tell if a tissue is cancerous. There is no test of the blood or urine that can detect all forms of cancer, and certainly no one can spot cancerous tissue just by looking at it.

According to the experts, here are some of the things you should watch for. Any one of them should arouse suspicion. More than one should convince you that you are dealing with a quack.

The remedy is secret and available only from him. In truth, there are no "secret" cures in legitimate medicine, and any effective treatment is available to all doctors.

His remedy is the only one that really works. There is more than one way to treat almost every disease. Although a physician may prefer one type of treatment, he is usually willing to admit that other methods can be of value, too.

He refuses to consult reputable local physicians, claiming he is being persecuted by a "medical trust" which wants to prevent discovery of a cancer cure since this would put them out of business.

On the contrary, doctors did not suppress the discovery of radium, insulin, antibiotics, tranquilizers and other drugs. Legitimate doctors welcome a chance to consult their colleagues on a difficult case.

PUT AWAY TOYS FOR RAINY DAYS

What to do if your preschooler receives too many toys for Christmas?

It's a familiar problem — especially for families with one child or the first grandchild.

When a preschooler has too many new toys to play with he may become frustrated, unable to decide which one to play with first. Or he may try to play with them all, and not reap much benefit or enjoyment from any of them.

The solution, according to Playskool research, is to put some away temporarily, and to do it immediately, before your child has an opportunity to miss them. They'll be much more appreciated on some future "rainy day."

In deciding which ones to store, take into account his present interests and level of development as well as the variety, size, and play value of the new toys. Toys which are too advanced for him should be put away until he's ready for them. Extra action toys will be a perfect surprise for that day when he (and you) are housebound and bored. A quiet game type toy or puzzle is just right for when he's in bed with a cold.

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If you want a silkier skin, and a rosy glow for 1970, set out to improve your complexion when you write your New Year's resolutions. Proper skin care can win you compliments through the holidays and all next year.

To start on the road to a rosy glow, type up the following steps and tape them to your bathroom mirror or bulletin board. Follow the rules closely and check your progress at least monthly.

Cleanse your face thoroughly each day. Wash your face whenever it's dirty, of course. But it's especially vital in the morning to remove oils secreted during the night and in the evening to suds away cosmetics and the day's grime.

The efficient beauty seeker lathers twice at each washing with hands, a washcloth, soft brush or sponge. As you suds, massage gently with upward, circular motions. Don't forget your neck. It's the part of your complexion too. Rinse thoroughly and suds again. Use a deodorant soap, such as Dial, which can help control growth of infection causing germs and bacteria which cause body odor. Finally, rinse with warm water and finish with a cold splash.

Try new tricks on your skin from time to time. Changing the cleansing routine can help keep you enthusiastic about complexion care. Why not steam your face once or twice a week before you suds? Wrap a large bath towel over your head, then hold your face over a basin of hot water. The steam will help your face perspire, and the heat melts oily deposits and lures blackheads to the surface. Cleanse after steaming with Dial soap. Then splash with cold water.

Eat healthy, well-balanced meals. If you diet, do it sensibly. Crash cuts in food intake rob your skin of the vitamins and nutrients it needs. At the same time though, you might want to cut down on foods that trouble your skin.

Exercise daily and get lots of fresh air. You'll stimulate circulation and muscle tone.

Sleep well for skin's sake. Seven, eight, or nine hours of slumber each night help you avoid puffiness and dark shadows.

Play by the rules this year, and your complexion will take on a new healthy look. Here's to a rosy glow in 1970!

MBABANE, Swaziland (AP) — The cabinet has decided to switch this African monarchy's weights and measures from the British imperial to the metric system. The change will take place over a period of four to five years. Britain and South Africa, Swaziland's main markets, will be using the metric system in a few years' time.

(CONTROL TOWER FOR CAPE AIRPORT PASSES MAJOR HURDLE)

WASHINGTON, D. C. -- 10th District Congressman, Bill D. Burlison, announced passage today by the House of Representatives of the Fiscal 1970 Appropriations bill for the U. S. Department of Transportation which included a committee directive for approximately $200,000 for the construction of a control tower at the Cape Girardeau Municipal Airport. Current Federal Aviation Administration estimates call for construction to be completed in either late 1971 or early 1972.

"Cape Girardeau is in need of improved traffic control facilities to accommodate rapidly expanding industrialization in the 10th District", the Congressman stated. "The FAA has informed me that take-offs and landings at the airport now exceed some 35,000 annually."

Burlison reported that the bill, H. R. 14704, still faced action by the Senate, but expressed confidence that the Senate would soon act favorably on the legislation.

Burlison voted for the bill.

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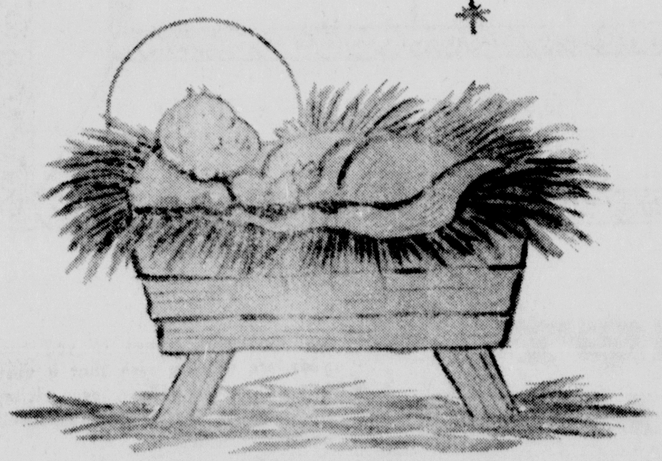

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SIKESTON, MISSOURI

Merry Christmas

May there come to you at this Holiday Season all the precious things of Life; Health . . . Happiness . . . Friends . . . and Peace.

CHAMBER'S ELECTRIC

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The Aromas Of The Holiday Season

The pungent aroma of spices and herbs means happy holidays to generations of Americans.

The wooden cookstove has given way to the electric range, but the same delectable odors of fresh mince pie, fruit cake, and roast turkey mingle with the pine fragrance of the Christmas tree.

Many popular, holiday herbs and spices have such a long history that myths still cling to them, the National Geographic society says.

Rosemary, for example, is tied to the story of Christmas. Legend holds that the herb's white blooms turned to the blue of the Virgin Mary's cloak when she hung it on a bush to dry during the flight into Egypt. The plant then became known as "Mary's Rose."

Ancient herbalists believed that sage, now a staple in many dressings, improved the memory and assured long life. Doctors at Salerno, the great medieval school of medicine, asked, "How can a man die who grows sage in his garden?"

Imported by the Pilgrims, sage, bay leaves, and thyme were among the first herbs to flavor festive American meals. In 1672 John Josselyn, Gentleman, in his work "New England Rarities," included thyme among the dozens of "herbs as do thrive here."

Marjoram's scent always has been highly regarded. Ancient Greeks and Romans believed the fragrant herb had been created by Venus, goddess of love, and used it to make crowns for happy young couples.

In the Middle Ages, the demand for spices bordered on mania. Rents and taxes often were paid with pepper. A pound of ginger could buy a sheep and an equal amount of mace was worth half a cow.

After explorer Marco Polo's journey to the mysterious "lands of spicerie," European merchants realized that sources of enormous profit could be reached by ship.

Portugal, Spain, England, and Holland raced each other to the Orient and battled for control of spice - producing lands. Monopolies were jealously guarded. London stevedores had their pockets sewn to discourage thefts. If the price of cinnamon fell too low in Amsterdam, the Dutch burned surplus stores.

Despite its high value, cinnamon found a ready market in western Europe. It was used in medicines, perfumes, and ointments long before its flavor was fully appreciated.

Cloves have been savored since early times. In the third century B. C., courtiers in China were compelled to hold the dried nailsharp clove buds in their mouths when addressing their sovereign.

Pepper always has been the king of imported spices in the United States. It accounted for about 19 per cent of the 300 million pounds of spices and herbs consumed last year, according to the American Spice Trade association.

Saffron, however, is the most expensive spice. It takes some 75,000 saffron blossoms to yield a pound of spice - bearing stigmas; the wholesale price is about $100 a pound.

FUR COATS FOR MEN are "in" again this year, it seems. At left is one in natural muskrat with leather patch pockets. Actors Frank Converse (center) and Patrick O'Neal (right) appear in a checkerboard calfskin and raccoon, respectively.

Doily Tree for Holidays

If you fancy tradition, but are tired of the usual blinking lights, tinsel and ornaments you may want to make your own Christmas tree.

An unusual tree can be made with paper doilies, and other materials purchased from a variety store at relatively small cost. The framework for the tree is chicken wire and a broom handle anchored in a porcelain container filled with polished stones.

The paper doilies are easily inserted in the chicken wire openings, and can be highlighted dramatically by bunches of blue bachelor buttons tied with red and white ribbons or by other types of bouquets or ornaments.

United-DeSoto, Chicago wall-covering manufacturer, suggests that the doily tree makes an excellent accent for traditional furnishings.

GREETINGS

May your home be warmed by the spirit of the Christmas spirit. And to our loyal patrons and neighbors we extend our thanks.

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TRIGG SHELL
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Blessings

Joy and blessings to all, during the Holiest of Seasons.

NORTON'S SHOE STORE
Downtown Sikeston

WATER IN THE BEDROOM IS MAKING STRONG COMBACK

Great grandmother had water in her bedroom and performed her morning toilet with the aid of a china bowl and pitcher. Then came the bathroom, and water moved out of the bedroom.

Now it's making a strong comeback, the Plumbing - Heating- Cooling Information Bureau points out, as bedroom vanity lavatories are growing increasingly popular, especially with mothers and their teenage daughters.

Manufacturers are making vanity cabinets to fit in with any bedroom decor. Countertops come in stain- resistant simulated wood or marble or in dozens of other finishes. The bowls themselves can be virtually any color or decorated with flower, fruit or other designs. Faucets are veritable jewels - shiny chrome, acrylic that sparkles like cut- crystal, even gold- plated. Shapes vary from high- style modern to dolphins, swans, mermaids or what you will.

It's predicted that in a few years the bedroom vanity lavatory will grow more and more elaborate, enhanced by such accessories as specially framed mirrors and lights. It will be the focal point of the bedroom, with the rest of the room planned around it.

'Tis always the season for Festive Coffee Cake

Everybody likes a party—especially one featuring good food! That's why we're inviting you to try fabulous Festive Coffee Cake next time you're the hostess for brunch, bridge, or a kaffee klatch.

Like cream and sugar, cake and coffee are a natural twosome. The secret ingredient which makes this coffee cake something special is Bordo imported diced dates. Deliciously mellow and not too sweet, imported dates retain their rich flavor well during baking and make a delectable difference in every coffee cake crumb!

During the holiday season, have fun—and "dress" Festive Coffee Cake for the occasion! For Christmas, bake your cake in a Christmas tree-shaped pan and decorate it with ornaments of halved red and green maraschino cherries. Or use an angel food cake pan to make a holiday wreath, garnished with sliced citron and cinnamon drops and "tied" with a red icing bow.

FESTIVE COFFEE CAKE
½ cup (1 stick) butter
1 cup sugar
2 eggs
2 cups cake flour, sifted
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
1 cup sour cream
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 teaspoon lemon juice
1 8-oz. package Bordo imported diced dates, or whole dates cut up

FILLING
½ cup sugar
1 cup chopped pecans
1 teaspoon cinnamon

Cream butter and sugar. Add eggs one at a time, beating after each addition. Sift flour, baking soda, baking powder and salt together. Add dry ingredients and sour cream alternately to egg mixture. Add vanilla and lemon juice and blend. Fold in dates.

For filling, mix sugar, pecans and cinnamon.

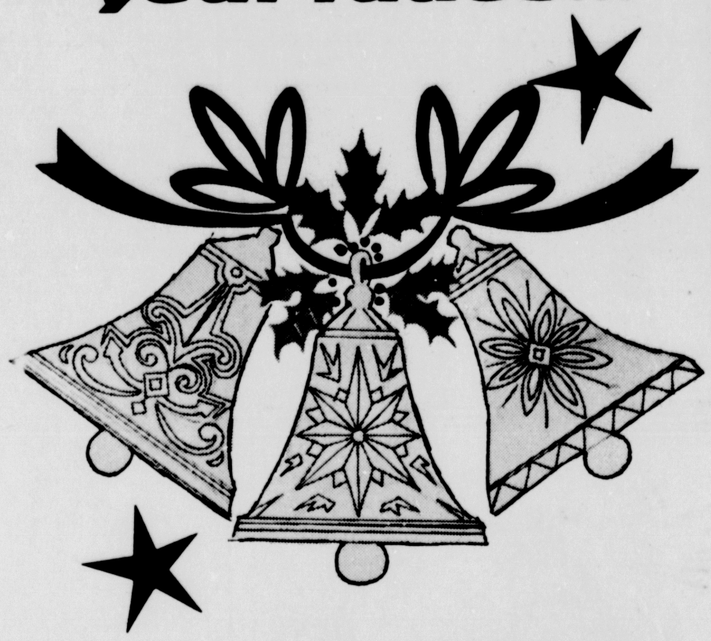
Use 13x9x2 inch pan. Pour ½ cake batter into greased pan. Sprinkle ½ filling evenly over batter. Cover with remaining batter and sprinkle top evenly with remaining filling.

Bake at 350° 40-45 minutes or until top is golden and cake tests done.

Festive Coffee Cake is just one of many exciting entries in Bordo's new "Modern Almanac of Date Recipes." For your free copy, just write to: Bordo Date Book, Dept. DJE, The Bordo Products Company, 2825 North Sheffield Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60657.

BLOEMFONTEIN, South Africa (AP) — Modern styles moved a local church organization to appeal for a government censor board to control women's fashions. The Women's Aid Service of the sternly Calvinist Dutch Reformed Church further resolved to ask local fashion designers to produce creations "suited to South African culture." They also want education authorities to act against "scantily clad" teachers and give "positive" instruction on clothing to pupils.

as the old year fades...



As the old year fades into the past, our thoughts turn to those whose good will and confidence have made our success possible. May the Christmas Season bring you a full measure of health and happiness.

Sikeston Tractor & Implement Co. & Employees

130 S. KINGSHIGHWAY

merry Christmas

To friends old and new we send our warmest wishes for a Merry Christmas, filled with the joys of giving and receiving. Our thanks to you.

The Stallings-Huff Agency Inc.

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Peace

GOODWILL TOWARD MEN

May the spirit of peace which is the essence of this season instill in all a feeling rich in goodwill . . . Thank you all.

DELTA LOAN

Sandy Odum
Mary Lou Welter
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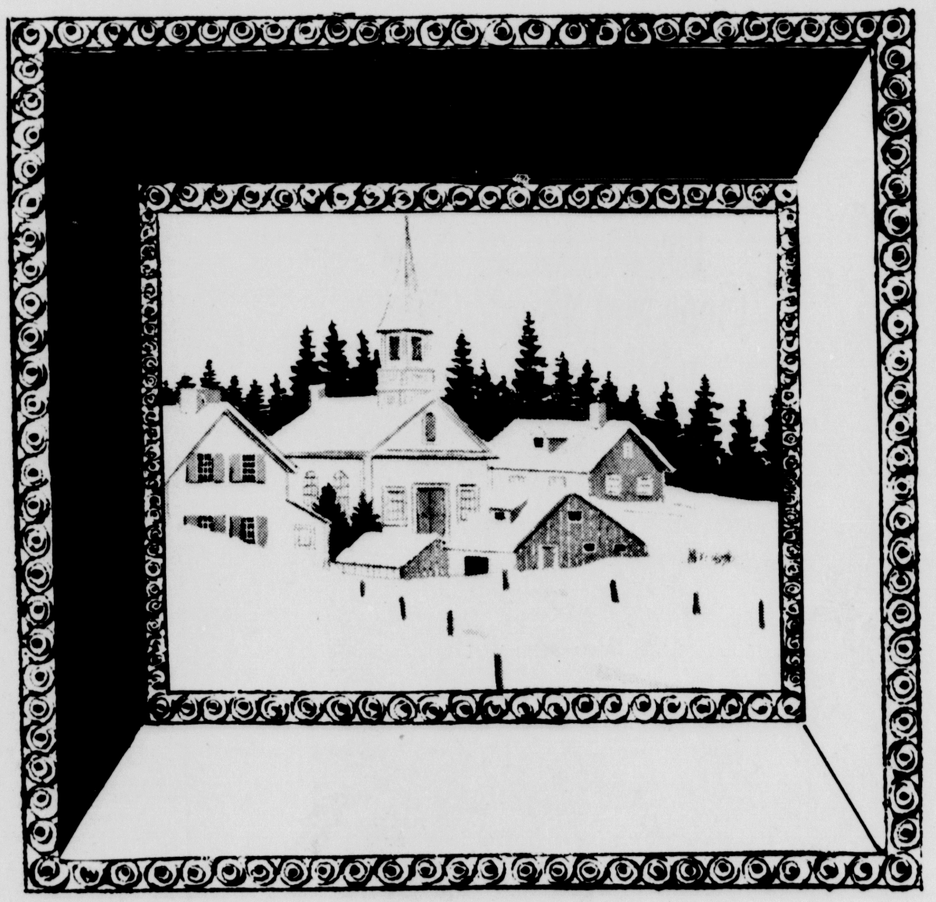
Deborah Caldwell
Felix Cooper
Hubert Wilson



BEST WISHES

As Christmas comes to you this year, we warmly wish that it may bring an ever deeper, ever richer meaning to you and your loved ones.

JUNIOR CHAMBER of COMMERCE

STAN EUDY, PRESIDENT

Women's Health

By Elizabeth Stewart
Women's Medical News Service

A DOCTOR'S DEMURRER

Brimingham, Eng. — "I do not wish to be resuscitated."

In the midst of growing debate about the morality and desirability of sustaining life artificially, a British doctor expresses his own strong view in the British Medical Journal. The physician, A. Paton, who wrote the same instruction in his diary, suggests that a poll be taken among other doctors to see how they feel about their own resuscitation.

Calling for reconsideration of "the modern epidemic of resuscitation," Dr. Paton believes that each person "of sound mind" should be allowed to decide for himself whether he wishes to be allowed to die. This information could be included in his medical records or carried on his person. As the situation stands now, Dr. Paton says, medical teams feel compelled to try to revive everyone.

A nurse told the physician that she had found a fool- proof way to transmit the same message. Tattooed across the top of her chest was the message, "Not for...", followed by the telephone number of the cardiac arrest team.

"When the time comes," Dr. Paton writes, "I wish to die with dignity– and for ever. It's not death that scares me but the immense bother of dying."

LONG LIVES AND MERRY ONES

Washington, D.C. — The long- lived may be smarter, richer, happier and more stable than other people, according to studies presented at an International Congress of Gerontology.

Researchers, keeping track for 12 years of men and women in their sixties, have found that those who made it safely into their seventies usually scored significantly higher on intelligence tests than those who died within three years of the study's beginning. Long- term survivors also tended to retain their intellectual vigor, to lead busier lives and to be better educated.

Among the short- lived men, eight out of 10 had had trouble making ends meet. Among the long- lived, only three out of 10 had minimal incomes. Nearly half of the 70- year- olds said they were better off financially than they had been at 55 years of age.

Marriage seems to promote longevity too, particularly for women. Spinsters, widows and divorcees die markedly sooner than women living with their husbands. Husbands tend to live longer than the unmarried men, but the difference in survival is less striking.

MORE THAN MERE SWALLOWING

San Francisco - A specialist in family planning has cautioned her fellow doctors that family planning is "not the private domain of a few specialists," but is vital to the practice of all good medicine.

As examples, Dr. Mary E. Lane, clinical director of the contraception service of the Margaret Sanger Research Bureau in New York, cited a man with a heart attack whose wife should certainly not have a fifth baby, an "already overburdened mother" who should not have to cope with a grandchild and a teenage daughter, a young impoverished couple who should not yet begin their family, and an already neglected child who should not have another brother or sister.

Good medicine, Dr. Lane believes, deals with human relationships as well as illness or potential illness. Because of this, "more is involved in contraception than the mere swallowing of a pill" and doctors can help patients improve the patterns of their lives.

To all of you, the merriest of Christmases is what we're wishing. May fondest memories endure. Thanks, most warmly.

J & L GLASS, INC.
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To wish you Peace, Joy

To each and every one of our good friends and patrons, we extend, with sincere appreciation, warm wishes for a most memorable holiday.

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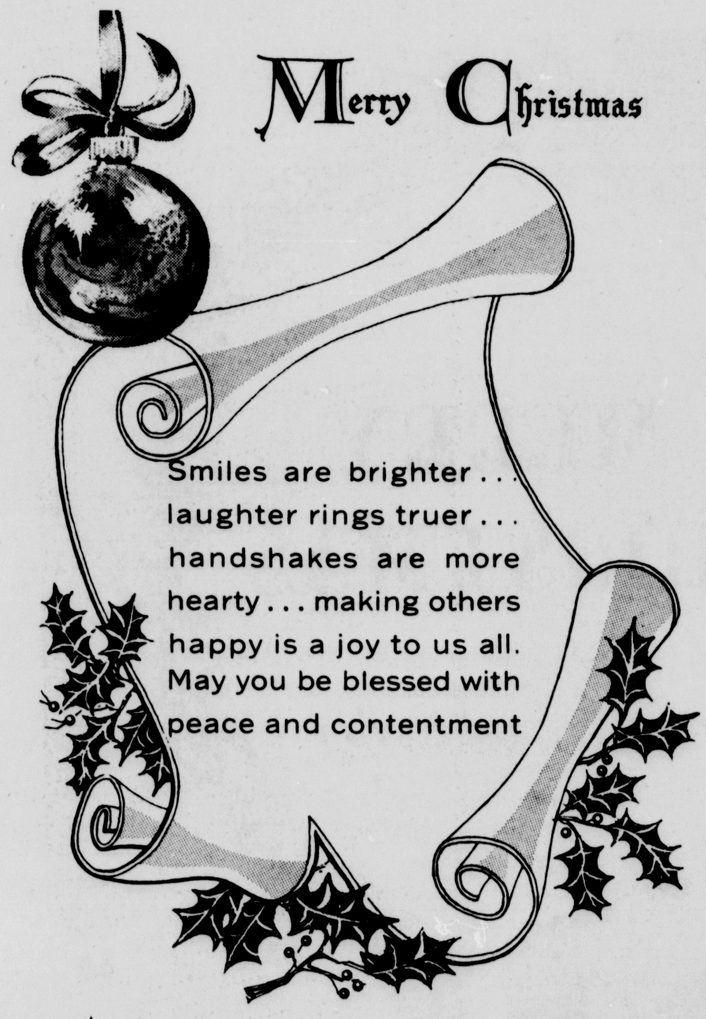

Merry Christmas

Smiles are brighter . . . laughter rings truer . . . handshakes are more hearty . . . making others happy is a joy to us all. May you be blessed with peace and contentment

Season's Greetings and best wishes

Oklahoma Tire & Supply Co.
138 FRONT STREET

Mini Fruit Cakes A Maxi Gift

Your holiday hostess will know you appreciate her when you bring a gift of homemade fruit cakes. She'll thank you all over again when she discovers how easy it is to serve and eat these mini treats. They're just big enough to satisfy a sweet tooth and small enough so no slicing is needed. This recipe and 70 others can be found in ReaLemon Food's new 50-page recipe book. For your copy, send 25¢ to cover postage and handling to: Turn on Taste recipe book, 4834 West Armitage Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60639.

MINI FRUIT CAKES

- 1 cup butter
- 1 cup sugar
- 3 eggs
- 2¼ cups sifted all-purpose flour
- 2½ teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon nutmeg
- ⅛ teaspoon cloves
- ⅓ cup ReaLemon lemon juice
- ½ cup sour cream
- 1 package (1 pound) candied fruit mix (2 cups)
- 2 cups raisins
- ½ cup chopped candied cherries
- ½ cup chopped candied pineapple
- 2 cups chopped walnuts

Cream together butter and sugar. Add eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition. Sift together flour, baking powder, salt, cinnamon, nutmeg and cloves. Add alternately to creamed mixture with ReaLemon. Beat well. Stir in sour cream. Add fruits and nuts; mix thoroughly. Place 1¾ x 1-inch paper liners into tiny muffin pans. Fill with cake batter, using a rounded tablespoon per cup. (The cakes will rise very little). Bake in a moderate over (350°) 25 minutes or until done.

Let cakes stand a few hours. Then brush with lemony glaze: To make glaze, add 1 tablespoon ReaLemon to ¼ cup light corn syrup; bring to boil. *Makes 8 dozen cakes.*

NOTE: These cakes should be served soon after they are baked. Do not store them longer than two to three weeks.

Ama and Health For The Poor

The American Medical Association comes to grips with health problems of the poor at a clinical convention beginning in Denver on Sunday (Nov. 30).

Medicredit is the new word for the American Medical Association's approach to the health problems of the poor. For more than two decades the AMA has been receding from its original across - the - board opposition to health insurance programs. Now it espouses prepaid voluntary insurance programs -- with help from the federal government in the form of tax relief.

The Roosevelt administration in 1935 considered a federally operated health insurance program, but it was never proposed to Congress. A health care program for the aged was enacted at last -- 30 years later -- in 1965.

The plan, unofficially known as Medicare, provided for the government to pay part of the costs for the hospital and nursing home care of most persons 65 or older, with costs financed by the Social Security payroll tax. The 1965 act also extended medical assistance to the aged -- designed for the aged not poor enough to qualify for old-age public assistance, but too poor to meet medical bills -- to needy persons under all public assistance programs. The act was amended to broaden coverage in 1967.

The American Medical Association in 1949 and 1950 reported spending almost $3 million in successfully blocking President Truman's compulsory national health insurance proposals. They equated the Truman plans with "socialized medicine."

The Medicare program of 1965 was a different affair. AMA spent $1.155 million on lobbying to defeat the Medicare provisions of that year's Social Security amendments. The campaign was unsuccessful, but the organization did succeed in eliminating payments for specialists as part of the basic Medicare package.

AMA now wants a "medicredit" plan which it explained on Nov. 3 before the House Ways and Means Committee. AMA would have purchases of health insurance credited against an individual's income tax liability on a graduated basis. People on welfare would have their insurance financed proportionately by the federal, state and local governments. The government would reimburse individual taxpayers in the amount their insurance exceeded the tax payment they owed.

The AMA is formidable not only in money resources but in influence. It has 217,212 physician members in 54 affiliated medical societies among the 50 states and four other jurisdictions.

A much smaller organization, the American Public Health Association, is beginning to challenge the AMA. But its leaders say they are not about to enter into a power struggle with the nation's doctors. APHA has only 24,000 members, a bit more than a fifth of whom are physicians.

Two of their leaders on Nov. 3 told a select Senate committee: "While there has been considerable improvement in the quality of life for most Americans, the fact still remains that a large proportion of the 22 million blacks, the 5 million Mexican - Americans, the 500,000 Indians, and millions of others live day in and day out in conditions we would not let our animals endure."

The AMA is moving slightly to the center, on balance. It could be that the challenge posed by the American Public Health Association and other dissident doctors is helping to push AMA in that direction.

Once again, the holiest and the happiest of all seasons is with us, inspiring all with its message of joy and peace. To you, at Christmas, our fond greetings.

HELEN DELINE'S
216 EAST CENTER
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Car Topics For Lady Pedal Pushers

BE YOUR BROTHER'S KEEPER

You know Harry Go-Lucky. Probably he is a friend of yours. Maybe he is your brother. There is at least one Harry Go-Lucky in everybody's life.

At Harry's house you have to be careful not to slip on the loose stair tread. Harry keeps forgetting to nail it down. And Harry's car... well, the fact that his turn signals don't work is of minor importance. Harry wouldn't remember to use them anyway.

What you have to do about Harry Go-Lucky is compensate for him. You have to go out of your way doing your part, because Harry never seems to remember to do his. He doesn't mean to be negligent, but nevertheless he is.

Many traffic safety experts feel that people like Harry Go-Lucky present quite a problem on the highways. Highway Harry Go-Luckies are the drivers who stray from their lanes, because they are thinking about other things.

At the last minute, Harry and his kind make left hand turns right in front of you as if you weren't even there. And they do it because they honestly don't see you.

Highway Harry isn't convinceable. You could give him a crash course in traffic safety... fill him to the brim with good driving advice... and it wouldn't sink in. Harry isn't fighting society; he just isn't part of this world.

The safety experts say that the rest of us have to compensate for Harry Go-Lucky by being doubly careful, doubly alert. We have to drive defensively knowing that Harry is likely to do anything at any time, and we have to keep our cars in good condition in case he does.

A combination of a car that responds as it should and a driver who is paying attention can save many a Highway Harry Go- Lucky - and you - from disaster.

ELEPHANTS RAMPAGE

SHILLONG, India (AP) — Wild elephants on a rampage in Dekiajul, a small tea town in Darrang district, reportedly ate a major portion of this year's sugar cane crop and badly damaged tea gardens and betelnut trees. The reason for the rampage was not known.

The word nightmare comes from the Teutonic mar, meaning devil.

The marshmallow plant was a popular medicine in ancient Rome.

On this joyous day,
we extend to our friends and neighbors,
the wish for peace and happiness.
And add a heartfelt thank you to all.

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At the holiday season, it is a pleasure to extend best wishes and thanks to all our friends.

YANSON'S JEWELRY
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The exchange of Christmas greetings among friends is one of the happiest traditions of this season. We extend our greetings to all of you . . . along with a heartfelt thanks.

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Christmas Greetings

As the sights and sounds of the holiday season are upon us once again, may we wish all of you a happy and peaceful Christmas. Thank you for your very loyal friendship.

MISSOURI UTILITIES CO.
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"A Citizen Wherever We Serve"

"Do you have a model with a bar car?"

Sincere Good Wishes

We're all aglow with best wishes for your Christmas happiness.

HON'S FAIRWAY

SIKESTON, MO.

It's a Belle Epoque Christmas

Get set for the wildest, wackiest, yet most elegant Christmas fashion season of all times!

Everybody's busy doing their own style thing, so this holiday party season is certainly the time to express *your* fashion personality.

Newest of the hair style news is the gossamer, romantic Belle Epoque look, epitomized by the hair piled high on top of the head.

Depending on the time of day, dainty little tendrils lazily curl over the forehead and ears.

To duplicate this hair style, brush all the hair on top of the head, gathering the ends together and forming a topknot. To secure safely, spray with self-styling Adorn hair spray. Adorn's new Touch Top directs the spray wherever you want it. Just aim the open side of the top where you wish to spray, then lightly press the other side.

To form those oh-so-romantic wispy locks, use the end of a styling comb to pull out strands of hair. Curl them around a finger, spray lightly with Adorn and place where desired.

For daytime wear, use a minimum of "stray" wisps, adding more for evening.

And lest you forget, it's still the year of the curl. And for holiday parties, the more curls the merrier.

Form hair into big, soft curls with a styling brush (or use rollers), then spray with either regular or extra hold Adorn to keep them in shape. Pile them on top of the head or wear them over each ear for a little girl look.

To add to the festive mood, use lots and lots of ribbons and bows, tucking them into curls, or tying them around a Belle Epoque topknot.

Also use sprigs of fresh holly or glittery pins to call attention to extra pretty hair styles.

Cranberry Fillets for Holiday Dining

Holiday meals need not be elaborate . . . or expensive . . . to add cheer to family dining. Any homemaker who dares to be different can delight her family with this entree even on her busiest shopping day.

Part of the charm of Cranberry Fillets is the simplicity of preparation. In half an hour the succulent cod fillets, covered with bright berries are ready to serve. The cost—a slender 37¢ per serving—is welcome at a time of year when bank balances diminish under the one-two punch of gifts and guests.

CRANBERRY FILLETS

2 pounds Booth frozen cod fillets
¼ cup butter or margarine, melted
2 tablespoons lemon juice
1 teaspoon grated onion
1 teaspoon salt
⅛ teaspoon liquid hot pepper sauce
Dash pepper
Chopped parsley
1 can (1 pound) whole cranberry sauce

Thaw frozen fillets and cut into serving-size portions. Place in a well-greased baking dish, 12 x 7½ x 2 inches. Combine butter, lemon juice, onion and seasonings; pour over fish. Bake in a moderate oven, 350°F., for 25 to 30 minutes or until fish flakes easily when tested with a fork. Sprinkle with parsley and serve with cranberry sauce. Serves 6. Approximate cost per serving 37¢.

NO WATER SHORTAGES FOR SUBURBANITES WITH WELLS!

In these days of water shortages and pollution problems, some lucky families have nothing to worry about. They have complete control over their water supply because they get their water from a modern well.

Not all these families live on farms either. Many life in the suburbs and rural nonfarm areas "beyond city water mains." Their source of supply is more properly called a private water system than simply a well because it's patterened after the municipal supply and consists of the well, electric pump, automatic controls and a storage tank.

Besides getting all the water they want when they want it, these families find that the water tastes better. Underground water is "free" too, the Plumbing - Heating - Cooling Information Bureau points out. Once the system is installed, all the expense involved is the pennies a day it takes to run the pump. Well water costs about 40 percent less to deliver (cost of well, pump and electricity) than treated surface water, and you're protected against periodic increases in water bills.

If you're thinking of moving to a suburban or rural non-farm area, this winter will be a good time to read up on the advantages of a private water system. An excellent booklet is available for 25 cents from Dept. P, Ground Water Resources Institute, 221 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, Ill. 60601. Ask for "How Water Wells Can Help You Solve Your Water Problems – Easily and Economically!"

DO IT YOURSELF

In the Newspaper before us is a picture of some substantial brick houses in New York. They are said to be abandoned tenements. While the windows are broken, there is no reason to believe that the soundness of the structures have been seriously impaired.

The people of our country used to build houses for themselves, log houses, sod houses, frame houses, brick houses and cement block houses. Many of them still do.

We wonder why families needing homes cannot approach the owners of these vacant properties offering to repair them and put them in good condition in return for a three or five-year lease on terms that would reward them for their rehabilitation efforts.

We believe there are many families who would find a way to buy enough paint, plaster and simple tools to do the job. In some cases the landlords might help them.

We are fast approaching the day when people can be no longer sit down and wait for others to provide for them. We must find a way to mobilize the powerful factor of self-help. People will work hard if it will enable them to improve their living conditions.

The practice of taxing the people and paying excessively high wages to construction workers to build houses for those who are unwilling to exert themselves in their own behalf, must and will come to an end. We need more self-help projects. One good place to begin would be these houses which can be made habitable by the application of sufficient elbow grease, along with paint, plaster, paper, some new floor boards, repairs to plumbing, window glass, and possibly some new roofing.

There is too much coddling in the world today. The revolution of rising expectations, so called, has specialized on expecting handouts, housing, medical care and education from others.

IT'S COLORFUL, to say the least. Joan Martin's dress is made of paint color cards featuring 720 shades in the PPG collection.

TIPS & TRICKS for TEENS

Maxi-mize your wardrobe this season, with at least one maxi-coat. They've really made it big; and there's no denying the extra warmth on blustery days. What to wear underneath? Proportion is all important. Play it to the maximum by contrasting the long coat with a micro-mini skirt.

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The red coats are coming to to give your nails a bright holiday glow! A new shade from Avon is a true, no-foolin' "Red Coat" nail enamel. Wear it alone or under "Tinsel Topping"—an overlay with flecks of pure glitter in either copper or silver. This is one of the prettiest new ways to have all the glow of the gala season in hand.

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Put it on ice, if a messy desk or dresser drawer is your problem. Plastic ice cube trays are just right for everything-in-its-place efficiency. The individual compartments are perfect for paper clips, rubber bands and staples; or buttons, needles and pins; or any of the small but precious etcetera that seem to defy organizing. Decorate the trays to suit your fancy.

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Go on record for finding a groovy way for you and your friends to update your record collections and fund a pet group project or charity at the same time. Pool your overplayed platters and hold a second-hand record sale. All or part of the proceeds go to a worthy cause — and everyone will acquire some new-to-you LP's at a fraction of the original price. The word from teens who have tried it: It's a money-maker and lots of fun, too!

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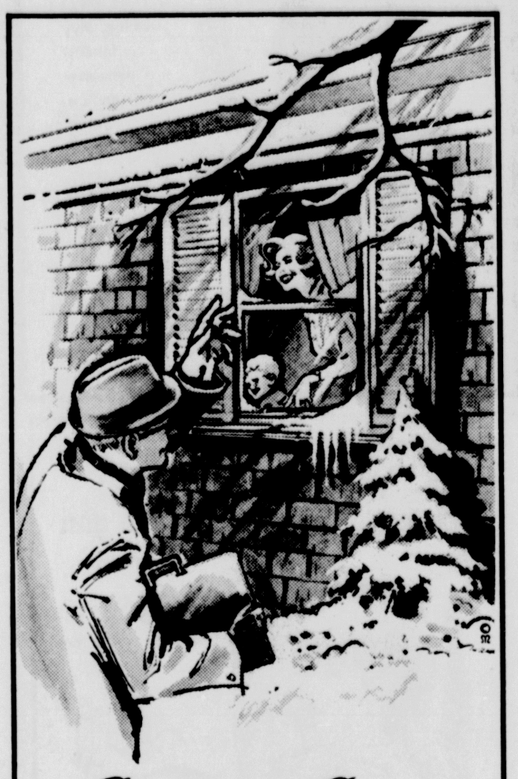
Chained to the notion that belts are for the waist? Start a chain reaction! Link up to a fashion fact—circle a chain in the crown of a floppy hat; wear it as a double-strand necklace; attach it to a tiny purse to make a swinging shoulder strap.

"Yes, it'll make a dandy Christmas gift, Mr. Philbanks. Now how about a nice hangar to go with it?"



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Very Best Wishes

Hope your Christmas is as sparkling and bright as the jewels on this tree. We extend the very best wishes of the season, along with our thanks.

HALE'S JEWELRY
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Christmas Greetings

The contentment and security of home and family is particularly valued at Christmas. May the season find you snug and happy, and may we thank you for letting us serve you.

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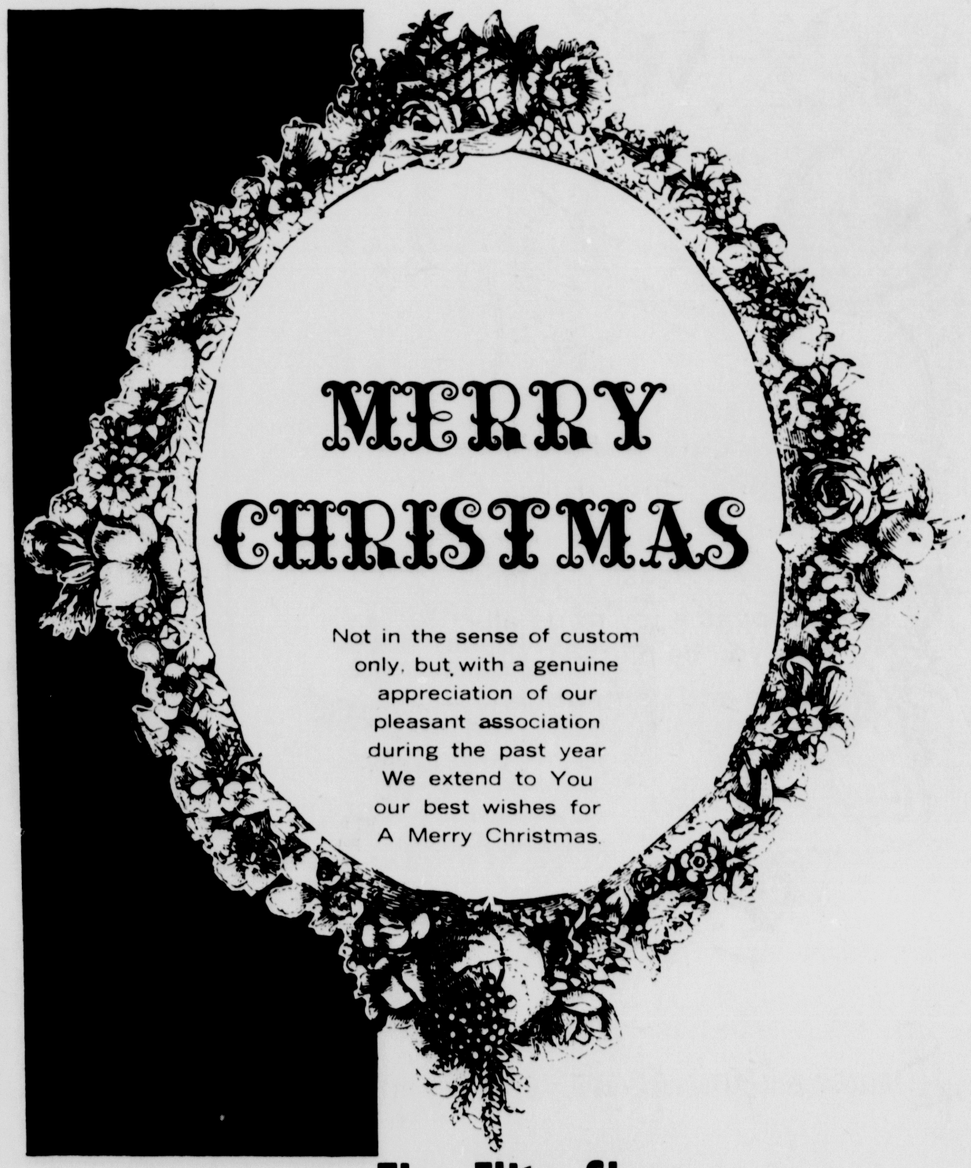

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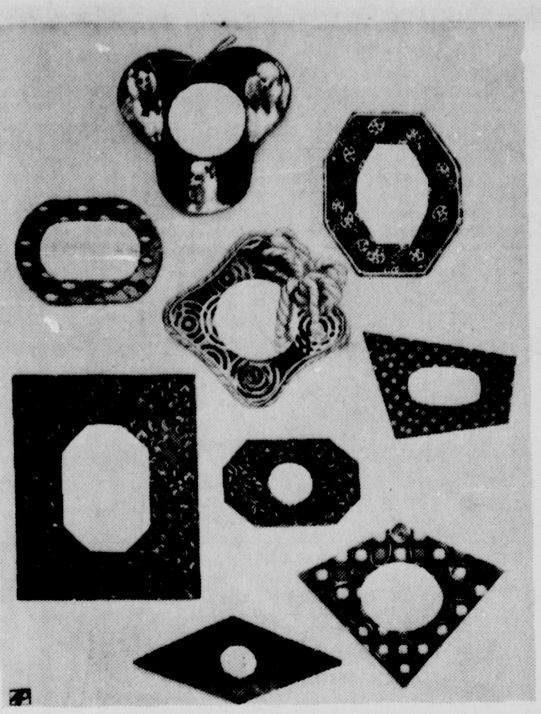


Mirror, mirror on the wall . . . These do-it-yourself mirrors make fine Christmas gifts. Use carboard, gift wrap, spray lacquer. Designed by Norcross.

A Christmas Past In The Hills

It Was a Community as Well as Family Observance Before a Cedar Tree

Jewell Kirby Fitzhugh
in The Ozarks Mountaineer

For weeks we young ones, the five of us who were old enough to know about Christmas, had looked forward to going to "the tree" on Christmas Eve, at the Chapel, the one- room church in our neighborhood. And now, at last, the time had arrived. The night was clear and crisp and studded with stars, as it must have been on that night so long ago when the shepherds found the place where the Christ Child lay.

The faithful mares were hitched to the wagon, into the back of which Papa had put armloads of sweet- smelling hay from the barn loft. Over the hay Mama had spread the heavy, wool "sample top" quilt. With another quilt for cover this made a snug riding place for five shivering but happily expectant youngsters. Mama and Papa rode in the spring seat, with Mama holding our baby brother, wrapped so he didn't even smell the cold.

On arriving at the church house, we saw the wagons, hacks, and buggies of those who had come earlier than we. The horses were hitched to trees on the church grounds. Some young men had come on horseback. A few swains, reluctant to go inside for a while, had built a small fire, at which they warmed their hands and feet. One of them daringly shot a firecracker, the loud pop frightening a nearby horse. Soon, however, these young men went inside.

A fire roared in the bulging stove in the center of the crowded rectangular room. Rows of homemade benches were on either side. Kerosene wall lamps, with shiny reflectors, gave a fair amount of light. People who had warmed cold hands and feet were moving away from the stove to give late comers an opportunity to warm before the "exercises" began.

Papa took some presents, hidden from view by brown paper wrappings, to the front, where some young ladies took charge of them. Though we tried hard to see, we couldn't tell just when our presents were unwrapped and placed on the tree.

In that day, some fifty- odd years ago, time and money were not spent on fancy gift wrappings. In fact, presents were expected to be unwrapped before they were placed on the tree so that everyone could see them. The covers of doll boxes were removed and the boxes fastened to the tree in such a way that the contents were in view of every little girl, who wondered throughout the evening which doll would be hers. Tops, tin horns, pocket knives, bags of vari- hued marbles some wind-up toys, two or three climbing monkeys, and here and there a jac-in- the box, dangled from the branches of the tree. Neckties, scarves, aprons, and handkerchiefs for the grown- ups added to the "dressing" of the Christmas tree.

The tree itself, a pungent-smelling cedar, cut a day or so earlier by men and boys of the community, dragged inside, and made fast to the floor, was so large that the topmost branch touched the ceiling. Young women appointed to "dress" the tree had gathered in the early afternoon to festoon the cedar with glittering tinsel, saved carefully from one Christmas to the next, and strings of popcorn and red berries. Tinfoil- covered sweetgun balls took the place of the fragile ornaments of today. Dozens of small, brightly colored candles in metal holders were clipped to the branches. When lighted, the tree was the most beautiful sight our childish imaginations could conceive. It was a thousand wonders that it did not catch on fire and cause a major disaster. The candles, however, were carefully placed, and some of the men sat nearby to keep ever watchful eyes upon them.

The program was not in the nature of a strictly religious service, but rather a mixture of the secular and the sacred. As I look back upon those days, I don't believe there was an intentional irreverence in the type of program presented. It was simply a community get-together - a time of gaiety, joy and good will. There was an opening prayer and then the usual Christmas "pieces," or recitations of poems by the children, sometimes clear and loud, often in rollicking sing-song, again in shy, frightened tones. Perhaps there was a funny dialogue, and then a serious "reading" or two, by older girls or young women. Since the tree took up so much space, the make- shift stage was rather small. Even so, sometimes a scene from the Nativity was presented, with the singing of Christmas carols to the accompaniment of the old-fashioned, foot- pedaled organ.

Last came pillow- stuffed Santa Claus, wearing his five-year old, home- made red cambric costume with cotton trimming and cap to match. The long- bearded "face" with rosy cheeks was store- bought. Santa carried a pack filled with oranges and small, red- and white striped paper pokes of candy for all the children present. His jolly, not-too- well - disguised "Ho, ho, ho!," set some of the young ones screeching with delight, while a few of the more timid ones shrank behind their mothers' shoulders. Soon, however, their fears were removed.

The sweets having been distributed, the young ladies acting as Santa's helpers removed each present from the tree, handing it to Santa Claus, who held it up for the crowd to see, then called the name of the person for whom it was intended. Sometimes the practical joker of the community put on funny presents. I don't remember that there were any cruel or ugly joke- presents- just comical things, like the corn- cob doll given the young lady teacher with the name of her suitor upon it. Blushes on the faces of some of the girls gave evidence that presents had come from their beaus, or "fellows." Since not to have one's name called at a Christmas tree made a person feel left out, relatives and friends usually saw to it that everyone's name was called.

One of the blessings of Christmas today is remembering the joys of Christmases past, when, though presents may have been few and inexpensive, there was much happiness in the sharing and togetherness of family, friends, and neighbors.

Why don't we confound mother nature, as she confounds us, and plant weeds instead of flowers?

Gourmet Corner
Prepare Beef Argentine Way

By TOM HOGE
Associated Press Writer

On the southeast coast of Latin America lies a vast expanse of rich soil known as the Argentine Pampas. Here sleek cattle graze on luxuriant grass, and beef is the undisputed king of the kitchen.

Steak is the staple diet in this land below the equator, and many Argentines consume it in one form or another three times a day.

Argentina has three main styles of cooking: Spanish from the days of the Conquistadores, classic French found in the more expensive hotels and restaurants of Buenos Aires and, most interesting, criolla or campfire cooking which dates back to pioneering times. It is here that the Indian influence which pervades nearly all Latin American cookery is most noticeable.

Incidentally, the widely-held belief that Latin American cuisine was founded on spices so hot that they strangle the uninitiated, is largely legend, apparently spread by travelers whose experience was limited largely to the volcanic offerings of Mexico. The dishes of Argentina and other countries of Latin America, while amply seasoned, are generally no hotter than those of North America.

One sign of the Indian influence in Argentina is the widespread use of squash and pumpkin. Unlike U.S. citizens who use squash as an occasional dinner side dish or pie filling, the Argentines cook this rich, yellow vegetable in many ways, including squash soup, squash fritters and baked squash pudding.

Another Indian specialty popular in Argentina is Humitas, a baked corn casserole flavored with chopped onions, peppers, tomatoes, salt, sugar, paprika, milk and bread crumbs.

But Argentina's true love is beef, a deep devotion handed down from the gauchos, part-Indian nomads who lived off wild cattle roaming the Pampas in the 19th century.

Evolutionist Charles Darwin visited Argentina and Uruguay in the 1830s and recalled a meal he shared with a gaucho band.

Darwin wrote in his "Voyage of the Beagle", that the supper consisted of two huge piles, one of roast beef, the other of boiled, with some pieces of pumpkin. Besides this latter, there was no vegetable, not even a morsel of bread.

The Argentines have specialized in beef cookery for so long, that they know many ingenious ways of fixing it. A classic is the meat roll called Matambre, or "Kill Hunger." This it does, with its rich filling of egg, vegetables, bacon and seasonings.

MATAMBRE

The Covering:
2 two-pound steaks
1 cup red wine vinegar
1 teaspoon garlic powder, or fresh chopped garlic
1 teaspoon dried thyme
The Stuffing:
1 pound fresh or frozen spinach
6 scraped whole carrots, about 6 inches long
4 hardboiled eggs, quartered lengthwise
2 or 3 medium onions, cut into thin rings
4 medium fresh mushrooms, sauteed in butter and sliced
1/4 cup freshly chopped parsley
1 teaspoon crumbled pequin chile peppers, or similar type
1 tablespoon salt
1 teaspoon ground pepper
3 cups canned beef stock, or fresh stock
12 ounces red wine
Bacon, (optional) 4 slices

Ask your butcher to slit the steaks horizontally from one long side to within 1/2 inch of other side.

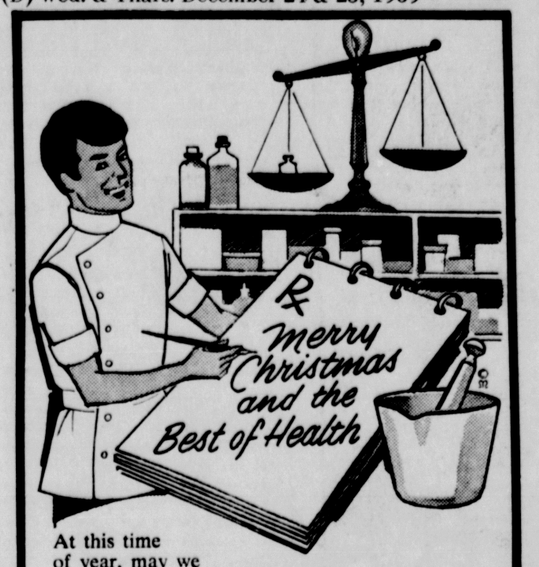
Place steaks in glass baking pan, cover with the wine vinegar and sprinkle with the garlic and thyme. Let marinate for six hours at room temperature.

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Lay the steaks cut side up, and spread over with carefully washed spinach leaves. On top of spinach leaves, place carrots about three inches apart. Place eggs between rows of carrots. Scatter mushrooms, onion slices and bacon (if desired). Atop this sprinkle parsley, chile peppers, salt and ground pepper.

Roll the steaks into two cylinders and tie with kitchen cord. Place in a 12 quart casserole and pour in beef stock and wine. Add enough cold water to bring liquid a third of the way up the rolls. Cover and place in oven for one hour.

When done, remove strings with sharp knife and cut rolled meat into 1/2 inch slices.

Leftover, Matambre is good chilled and served as an appetizer.



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As Santa Might Sign It

If you ask what Santa Claus is really like, most people will tell you he's jolly, generous, and loves children - as described by Clement Moore in his "A Visit From St. Nicholas" and later portrayed by Thomas Nast in Harper's Weekly. But if you happen to ask a handwriting analyst about Santa's characteristics, he might well say he doesn't know, since he's never seen the old boy's handwriting.

Because no one has an authentic sample of Santa's writing, several staff members of the International Graphoanalysis society's offices in Chicago attempted to produce a greeting and signature that would portray Santa, since it would incorporate the handwriting strokes which would indicate the personality traits of the Santa most of us are familiar with today.

Building a signature to show specific personality traits is sort of Graphoanalysis in reverse, says V. Peter Ferrara, president of the world- wide handwriting analysis group. "For several handwriting experts to produce writing samples that would be similar in appearance wouldn't be difficult," says Ferrara, "especially if the experts knew in advance the personality traits that were to be illustrated." However, the organization president pointed out that it would be impossible for even two or three such signatures to be exactly alike since the personality traits of the writers themselves would peek through somewhere.

In the greetings from Santa accompanying this article, the three graphoanalysts all put a slight flourish at the start of the capital, M, a graphoanalytical indication of humor. Generosity is shown by long endings on letter strokes and wide spaces between the letter combinations. The "to the right slant" of the upstrokes of the letters would indicate an outgoing nature, and the heaviness of the writing is to indicate Santa's liking for good food and strong colors.

The graphoanalysts agreed that Santa probably would have a lot of organizational ability and manual dexterity, too, since he makes all the toys needed each Christmas. Therefore they carefully balanced the upper and lower parts of the letter "f", which, according to graphoanalytical technique, indicates organizational ability. The flat looking tops on the letter "r" appear in the greeting because this is the way most people who like to work with their hands form these letters.

Santa must be a man who pays attention to details, since he must remember what each child asks for, and so you'll see "i" dots carefully placed. The intuition and imagination Santa must have in order to substitute gifts when what is asked for is impractical is shown by frequent "breaks" between letters in a word (for intuition) and the big loops in the letters "l" and "h," and in the lower loops in the "y" are signposts of imaginative people.

While the three Santa signatures were composed to incorporate the trait indications described above, careful analyses of the writings would reveal three entirely different personalities, despite the attempted disguise.

For example, the first writer would have Santa be dignified (note retraced "t" stem) and a bit self- conscious since he unconsciously made the final hump on the letter "M" higher than the others. The second writer's Santa would also be self-conscious but would be more optimistic than the other Santas as would be noted by Graphoanalysts from the "up hill" writing. The third Santa would be quite sensitive to the opinions of others, as noted by the loops in the "t" stems, but would be the jolliest of all.

Just like the songs say, may we wish all a very merry holiday and extend our heartfelt thanks.

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Tin Cans Ring In Christmas

By AP NEWSFEATURES

Tired of those same old Christmas decorations? There's a simple solution: do-it yourself.

All you really need are empty cans, and who doesn't have plenty of these on hand?

According to Lady's Circle magazine, cans can become bells, candle-holders, decorations for your Christmas table, and probably a dozen other things if you give the matter a little thought.

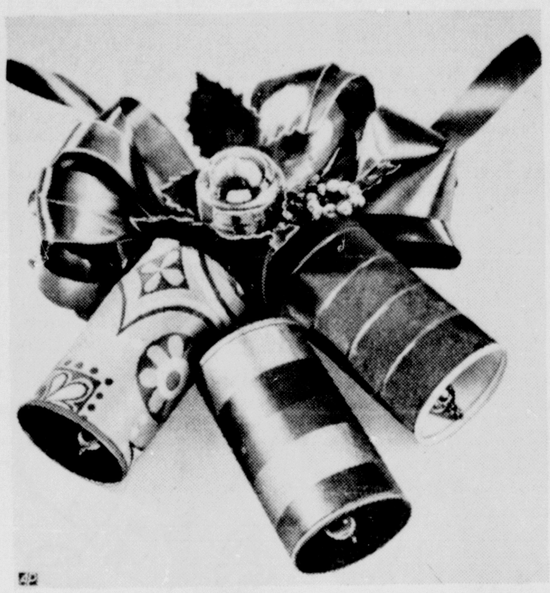
To perform these miracles, wash and dry the cans thoroughly, and then spray-paint them or cover them with colorful Christmas paper.

To make the bells, string the cans on wire, with clapper added inside, and add other decorative touches— holly sprigs, ribbon and miniature Christmastree balls—to make them even brighter. The table decoration are made from cans opened at both ends, washed, dried and spray painted, and topped off with three-inch Christmas tree balls which rest on the tops of the cans.

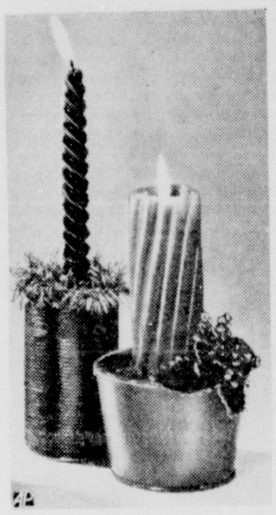
Easy-to-make candles owe their existence to cans stacked together and taped; you can use five or six, depending on the height you prefer. Cover with red or green paper and top off each with a Christmas tree light to simulate a candle flame.

Decorative candle-holders can be made from any size can, painted or covered as you prefer, with any added decorations you have around the house. When using small candles, you can punch holes in a can in an interesting design through which the light will shine.

EASY-TO-MAKE-CANDLE Just stack five or six empty tin cans together, tape over, and you have a home-made glow for Christmas.



DECORATE FOR CHRISTMAS . . . Empty tin cans are the major ingredient for these table decorations. Just wash, dry, and spray paint them for a glistening Yule.



DECORATIVE CANDLE HOLDERS . . . You can make these holiday candle holders in a jiffy, using empty tin cans.

Young Moderns

Make Your Own Christmas Gifts

By VIVIAN BROWN
AP Newsfeatures Writer

There is still time to make little Christmas stocking stuffers and other glamor gifts with which to charm your friends.

For the boys on your list, you might knit a ski band, tie or scarf. Use fat yarn and needles to speed the project. If you are an experienced knitter try your hand at making gloves, but it is a bit late to try to learn to turn the heels of socks.

A great personalized gift can be made by embroidering a name or initials on ready-made handkerchiefs. It is painstaking, but not difficult. Write the name or initials in the corner of the handkerchief and do an overcast stitch with ordinary cotton or silk thread.

Girl friends should appreciate a gift of a wall mirror. These may be made using cardboard, gift wrap, mirrors, glue, packaging tape and gift paper. At a display of their gift wraps, the Norcross design staff showed a number of mirrors — all different shapes and sizes. But you can use the basic instructions to make any shape mirror — star, sunburst, four-leaf clover.

The mirrors exhibited were about 7 inches long and wide.

You cut three cardboards into identical shapes. Two of these have cut-outs for the mirror. The second cardboard is the one the mirror fits into, the top cardboard is the one that is cut to shape — round, heart, square, and so on. The third cardboard fits over the back.

Cover the front section with gift wrap, allowing one-inch on all sides for overlapping. Tape the mirror securely in place on the second cardboard. Glue the three pieces together.

Cover the entire back piece (the solid one) with matching paper. Glue the one-inch flaps that are left on the sides of the top cardboard to the back of mirror, mitering the corners.

The mirrors may be decorated in a number of ways. You can use luster Christmas cord to make the little designs. The designers of the mirrors suggest s-shape or bow designs. A nice idea would be to spell out the girl's name on the mirror, using the Christmas cord or ordinary cord.

Cover the mirror with tape or paper and spray over the paper, front and back.

CREATIVE WRITING

The best creative writing is contained in the bits and scraps sent to Santa Claus. It will not win literary award, but it contains the ultimate in excitement, drama and the poetry of the soul.

To the writer, Santa Claus is not a red-frocked myth. He is as real and as vital as love, hunger, tears and passion fulfilled.

CHRISTMAS...

May the serenity and joy of the Holy Family inspire you with the spirit of love and peace at Christmas. Our sincere thanks to everyone.

WILLIAM R. BURKE

MFA INSURANCE

CUBA AS SEEN BY A CUBAN

Gilberto Tony Saavedra, 30 years old, is a former member of Castro's 26th of July movement in Havana. As soon as Castro openly announced his acceptance of Communism, Saavedra opposed him, joining an anti-Castro organization in which he was the head of the "Action and Sabotage" section. Due to Castro's persecution, he came to the U. S. where he joined Alpha 66, an anti-Castro group, which has broad based support in the Island. Now this group is organizing an ambitious plan directed to the creation of several guerrilla fronts in the Island.

Tony Saavedra is now the representative of Alpha 66 in California. His task is to obtain the resources needed to supply the "Freedom Fighters" with weapons and ammunition. But as all the responsible members of this organization, Saavedra has volunteered to go to Cuba to join the guerrillas as soon as the leaders of Alpha 66 consider his presence to be necessary.

Meanwhile, Tony Saavedra has provided us the following exclusive information.

The deterioration of Cuba's economic situation has reached a peak. All of Castro's economic goals have failed. All food has been rationed, including bread and sugar. Discontent among the people has been growing steadily in the past few months. Hundreds of escapees have broken through Castro's "Berlin Wall" in the Caribbean. Most of the escapees are young Cubans.

Castro has failed not only in his economic plan, but in the task of indoctrinating the youth.

Due to this situation Cuba is ripe for revolution. Previously one thing was obstructing the plans to overthrow Castro. It was the idea that prevailed for so long among the Cuban exiles, that the U. S. government was going to help them in their struggle against Communism. "Finally we realized that only through our own efforts Cuba will be liberated", says Saavedra. "Thus we are engaged in the sacred task of creating the internal conditions in the Island that will lead to a popular uprising."

The members and friends of Alpha 66 have confidence that after the opening of several guerrilla fronts on the Island there will come a chain reaction that will end in a popular uprising which will overthrow the Communist regime.

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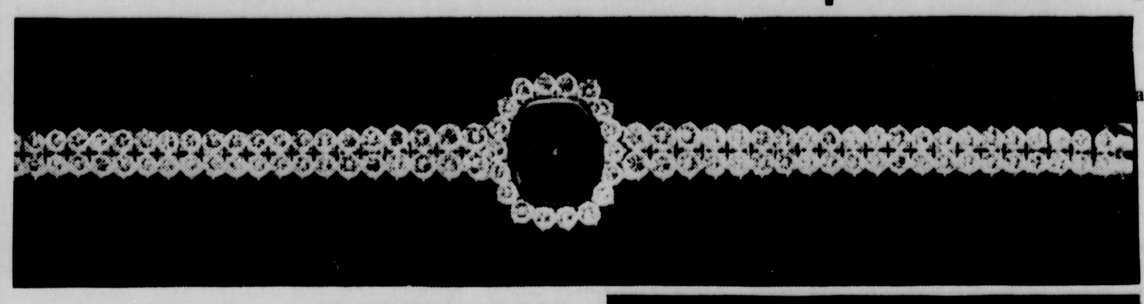
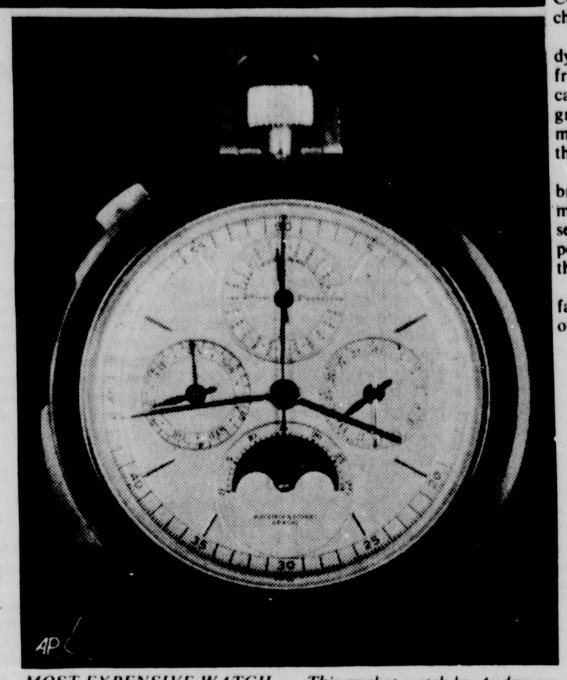


DAZZLE HER FOR CHRISTMAS ... See her eyes shine when she discovers this watch by Audemars Piguet. The 104 round diamonds, weighing 18.13 carats, platinum setting and lapis lazuli dial add up to a $30,000 price tag.

SANTA'S BAG ... Bags are Santa's bag, according to the National Handbag Association. Luxurious little evening bags or ample shoulder totes, whichever style you choose, look for bright metallics to make the holiday season sparkle.

If you take your girl dancing, look for evening bags that swing on delicate shoulder chains so she won't have to abandon her purse when she gets up to waltz. Other evening purses do double duty as jewelry boxes, like the silver apple minaudier, front and left in the picture.



MOST EXPENSIVE WATCH ... This pocket watch by Audemars Piguet which gives day, month, phases of the moon, and of course, exact time is the most expensive watch manufactured anywhere, exclusive of ornamentation. It is also a stop watch with split-second hands, and is equipped with a chimer which, when activated, strikes the hour, quarters, and minutes on different pitched chimes. Price: $15,000.

Merryland: A Haven For Children and Adults

By LISETTE BALOUNY
Associated Press Writer

CAIRO (AP) — Merryland is the land of contented children and happy parents.

It is a large sunny garden in the Cairo suburb of Heliopolis, where white ducks in small ponds paddle to a little island, home to three soft-eyed deer who look out on the world through a fence.

Merryland is also home to a mini-elephant, a gift to Egyptian children from the government of Ceylon, and home to some mischievous, grimacing monkeys.

Sitting around tables under shady green trees, or looking out from the fashionable two-story casino in the center of the garden, grownups relax and sip refreshments, while keeping an eye on their little ones.

For sailor-footed children, bright colored small paddling and motor boats are available for a seaman's ride around the larger pond, which partially surrounds the two-story casino.

Other children prefer to fly on fast swaying swings, while still others watch and imitate the restless little monkeys that run and jump about. Others gather around the three-month old elephant, teasing it into playfulness, and beckoning their parents to join the fun.

Merryland is roughly 50 acres — most of it flower beds and sandy zigzagging alleys.

Once it belonged to Baron Enpain, a Belgian multimillionaire who founded and owned most of the important settlements in Heliopolis. Along with other Belgian property, Enpain's land was nationalized in 1960, after Egypt severed diplomatic relations with Belgium. Relations have since been restored, but Baron Enpain's property has not been returned.

The first baseball game between organized teams took place June 19, 1846, in Hoboken, N.J.

ELECT TRI-CAPTAINS

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) — North Carolina, seeking its fourth straight Atlantic Coast Conference title, has three basketball captains this season.

They are seniors Charlie Scott of New York City, Eddie Fogler of Flushing, N.Y., and Jim Delany of South Orange, N.J.

They have played for the Tar Heels the last two seasons during which time North Carolina won 55 games and lost only nine.

Her Work Is Child's Play

By LOUISE COOK
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Jerri Jorgensen has the kind of job a child would love.

Her workday is filled with dolls, puzzles, miniature cars, building blocks and a host of other toys.

Mrs. Jorgensen, an attractive redhead with two daughters, is a toy consultant for a major toy manufacturer. "I'm an all-around person who gets involved in every aspect of a toy," she explained.

Developing toys is anything but child's play, however, she said. "Depending on the complexity, it can take from two to five years to develop a single toy."

The company's 1970 line — to be introduced next March — has been ready for three months, and its 400-member research and design department already is busy with plans for 1971 and 1972.

Each toy, said Mrs. Jorgensen, is tested on children in its early stages. The children, "are introduced to the toy and left alone. We monitor them with microphones. If something is difficult to operate, we note that, for example," she explains.

One of the most important features incorporated in a toy, said Mrs. Jorgensen, is the sound. She said her company (Mattel) wanted to simulate the sound of a car starting up, but found American cars were just too quiet. "We had to use a tractor instead."

One of the most popular toys, of course, is the doll, in all its variations. Among the company's newest offerings is a ballerina doll, originally suggested by children testing a walking doll.

"First we came up with an engineering mechanism," said Mrs. Jorgensen. "Then we had to decide the size of the doll. After the sculptors completed work on the face, the hair stylists were given the problem of designing a hair style."

She noted the ballerina is available only with blonde hair and said 80 per cent of the dolls sold are blondes.

Action toys also are popular with most children, Mrs. Jorgensen said, particularly those that reflect real life and allow the child to engage in "adult imitation."

The company has had an astronaut doll for two years, Mrs. Jorgensen said, and has added a variety of other space equipment, including an elaborate space structure. "I spent an hour putting that together yesterday," she said, pointing to a picture of one of the toys.

Mrs. Jorgensen said she sometimes brings toys home for her 7-year-old to test, but said her children are "no more spoiled than other American kids."

It takes 2.1 pounds of whole milk to make one pound of evaporated milk.

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — Dean Cuthbert Irvine Peacocke of Belfast has been elected to succeed Dr. C.J. Tyndall as Church of Ireland (Episcopalian) Bishop of Derry and Raphoe The Dean, who is 66, is a son of the Rt. Rev. Joseph Peacocke, who was Bishop of Derry and Raphoe from 1916 to 1945. He is a graduate of Trinity College, Dublin, and long served as clerical secretary of the General Synod of the Church of Ireland.

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HOLIDAY INN & RESTAURANT

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Customs of Swedish Christmas Live On

Hildur Ek
In the Kansas City Times

Immigrants from Sweden during the big influx in the late 19th and early 20th century brought with them many traditions from the old country that live on today, especially Christmas traditions.

Christmas eve was the big event of the year. It was the time of large family gatherings for the traditional Christmas eve dinner and the giving of gifts.

Trips to Stores

In the past there were several stores in Kansas City specializing in all kinds of Scandinavian food. Today there is but one. As a child I found it exciting to ride the street car across town to one of the specialty stores and help bring home the traditional lutfisk (stockfish), lingon berries, ham, various cheeses and sausages, and the ingredients for pickled herring, head cheese, jellied veal and a supply of casings for the potatis korv (potato sausage). Julgrot (Christmas porridge made of rice) was usually served as a dessert.

Perhaps the most important item in a Swedish Christmas dinner is the lutfisk that has been dried and shipped in bundles resembling sticks of wood. The fish have to be sawed into pieces and soaked in water for a few days, then placed in a bath of slaked lime, water and soda, then soaked again in fresh water. After all this is done a remarkable change comes about and there are the thick, white pieces of fish. Today lutfisk is also sold prepared, ready to be cooked.

The cooking time for the fish is short and a rich white sauce is usually served over it. Most old-timers add a generous sprinkling of black pepper. Some folks prefer melted butter, and still others like a mustard sauce.

Many churches used to have lutfisk dinners and in later years nearly as many non-Scandinavians as Scandinavians bought tickets to them. Today the price of lutfisk has almost made the dinners prohibitive.

In olden days, without modern conveniences, cleaning and baking took a great deal of time. There were white and rye breads, delicious coffee breads, skorper (rusks) and a generous amount of cookies such as spritz and pepparkakor (ginger snaps).

All Join in Dunking

Following tradition, we had "dopp i grytan" (dunking in the pot) at noon on Christmas eve. According to custom the housewife was supposed to be too busy cooking and getting ready for the big evening meal to stop and fix lunch, so everyone was invited to take a plate, fork and a piece of bread and help themselves by dipping into the "pot liquor" of the ham and sausage that had been prepared. It was an exciting, happy time, especially if there were visiting relatives and friends around.

When we flew to Sweden at Christmastime a few years ago I had hoped to partake in "dopp i grytan" in the "authentic" manner. Our hosts prepared for it, but later I found out the custom had been discontinued with them. Instead of the huge fireplace and large, black cauldron with the steaming meat I had expected to find, we dipped into a shiny aluminum pan placed on a festive table in a very modern kitchen. So much for tradition!

The Swedish housewives of long ago used to set out a special dish of porridge (for the Jul (Christmas brownie or elf) to insure his friendship for the coming year. Today all that remains of this legend is the colorful Christmas decorations featuring him. The Danes used this same elf motif on their Bing & Grondal Christmas plates in 1959. The cat is often pictured as a companion of the Jul Tomte, as the Swedes call him, or Jule Nisse as the Danes and Norwegians say.

A tradition that has lived on in Sweden and here, is the use of the Julbock (Christmas goat). Some think it is a carryover from Thor's goat of Norse mythology. The Julbock appears in the form of straw, wood, ceramics and on Christmas cards, pull- outs and posters. Sometimes the Jul Tomte is shown with the goat delivering gifts. To us here in America, it seems strange choice of animals when there are thousands of reindeer in Swedish Lapland.

Before the advent of Christianity, the Norsemen celebrated the midwinter solstice with feasts and games. Later these received Christian interpretations. Some authorities credit kissing under the mistletoe to Frigg, Norse goddess of love and the berries to tears she shed at the death of her son Balder, god of light, peace, virtue and wisdom who was killed by a mistletoe dart.

Father constructed a 7-branched candelabra similar to one in his boyhood home in Sweden. Year after year this was redecorated with fluted red crepe or tissue paper. It was placed in the center of the long dining room table and its tall white candles lent a festive air to the array of special Christmas food. The gas lights in the ceiling above were extinguished for further effect.

Our large, carefully chosen Christmas tree was decorated the day before Christmas eve with popcorn garlands, red apples, cookies cut into various designs, tinsel, angels, shiny ornaments and live candles in various colors. It was put in the parlor or front room and the doors closed. On Christmas eve, after the hearty dinner, the tree was lighted and the portiers and sliding doors were pushed aside. The whole room breathed "Merry Christmas" as we entered.

Old Swedish calendars show December 13 as Lucia day; the night before was thought to be the longest in the year. In 1753 the calendar was changed, but people continued to celebrate Lussimassan (December 13) as the day the sun and light returned.

The original Lucia was an early Christian martyr in Syracuse, Sicily, sentenced to be burned at the stake. The flames did not touch her, but she was slain by the sword. It is somewhat of a mystery how the legend of St. Lucia reached into the far- off Northland and became so deeply embedded in their traditions that she is now the forerunner of Christmas.

The Lucia celebration along the lines we know it today was first celebrated in the southwestern provinces on Sweden. There a young maiden appeared with lighted candles on her head and served coffee and Lussikatter (Lucia buns) as she went about awakening the sleeping household. This celebration has spread all over Sweden and elsewhere in the world as well. Today schools, churches, institutions and industries have their own Lucia. At the national contest finals in Stockholm the year's Lucia is crowned "Queen of Light."

Our church celebrated Julotta (Christmas matins) early on Christmas morning when it was still dark. During the walk to church, many times in deep snow, it seemed the stars were twice as bright as usual. Candles shone from the church windows. Inside was one huge or sometimes two medium- sized well- lighted Christmas trees and banks of red poinsettias and wreaths. The early hour and scene inside inspired reverence.

The traditional opening song was always "Var Halsad Skona Morgonstund" (All Hail to Thee, O Blessed Morn). For many years the service was in Swedish. Later there was a short service in Swedish after the English service. Finally only English was used. The members of the church by this time represented many different national origins and the old- timers were fast disappearing. Almost all of these churches have now converted to the midnight Christmas service and another cherished tradition is in danger of passing away.

There are yet today Scandinavian organizations and homes that are keeping alive many of the Christmas traditions. One still may find the special Scandinavian foods, decorations, St. Lucia, songs and legends. And here and there is the flavor of how it was "in the early days."

HOLIDAY WELCOME . . . Outdoor decorations need not be elaborate to be effective. This cheerful doorway reflects the spirit of the season. Making your own decorations, if you have the time, adds to your own holiday enjoyment.

Women's Health

By LOUISE CHASE
Women's Medical News Service

CHEVY CHASE, Md. - Why should any outsider participate in a child's sex education?

The answer lies in the inevitable nature of parent - adolescent relations, says Dr. E. James Lieberman, chief of the Center for Studies of Child and Family Mental Health of the National Institute of Mental Health: Teenagers cannot bear to admit that their parents are sexual creatures.

Even relaxed parents who conscientiously answer questions about sex, Dr. Lieberman notes, will eventually be brought up short by a teenager's need for "a hazy but all-important zone of privacy or non-involvement" and by the parent's onw need for appropriate modesty. "Some questions cannot be comfortably asked by the child or answered by the parent," the physician points out. "Nudity, seductiveness and details of the parents' sex life are not good sex education for children."

PARENTS STILL IMPORTANT

This unavoidable limitation on parent - teenager communication does not gainsay the fact that parents remain their children's most important sex educators. But, during adolescence, "much needed information and counsel" can usually only come from respected outsiders - whether a teacher, a physician, a minister, a family friend, an aunt or uncle.

Writing in the Journal of the American Medical Association, Dr. Lieberman suggests that doctors can be especially effective if they are prepared to truly level with young people. This means a willingness to hear out any question without condemnation or embarrassment, enough delicacy to avoid probing into uncomfortable regions, the honesty to avoid the scare technique.

Specifically, the physician counsels against regarding sex education only as a deterrent weapon to premarital intercourse.

MORE THAN A DETERRENT

Although good sex education might act as a deterrent by curbing impulsive actions, Dr. Lieberman believes that adults must admit that "from the standpoint of interpersonal relations, one cannot say that premarital sex is inevitably destructive."

Parents and sex educators make a mistake, he believes, if they confuse a youngster's first sexual experience with promiscuity and if they presume that the sexually experienced adolescent is beyond reach.

Emphasizing that sexual experience, like smoking and drinking, is only symbolically adult, Dr. Lieberman says that non-virgins still need advice and limits from adults - for example, information from teachers about reliable contraception rather than repeated, heavy - handed warnings about veneral disease and unwed pregnancy.

VOLTAGE, NOT FACTS

"Young people are subject to a tremendous amount of sexual stimulation, but not much helpful information. Even when parents do a good job, children will get information from other sources, and it is part of our responsibility to see that some of this is of good quality."

To clinch his point about the inconstancies of parental prestige, Dr. Lieberman quotes the hoary joke about the son who, returning home after college, exclaims to his father, "Gee, Dad, you sure learned a lot in the last four years!"

Roundwood is a section of tree trunk ready for market, after the tree is felled.

CAUTION ON CREDIT

Too many things are bought on credit or revolving charge plans.

You pay usually at least 18 per cent interest or service charges and sometimes more.

It's better to borrow money from the less expensive lending agencies for your Christmas buying.

CHRISTMAS IS LOVE

Christmas is a universal holiday. Christmas is a great reality. Around this reality, men of good will have added much tradition and, perhaps, a fair amount of legend. Yet the reality of Christmas remains unchanged. Some nineteen hundred and sixty-nine years later, the story of the First Christmas, the clear vision of the Holy Birth at Bethlehem keeps constant the spirit of abiding love.

Many inspiring words have been written about the proper keeping of Christmas. The spirit of love permeates these famous words of Henry Van Dyke:

"It is a good thing to observe Christmas Day. The mere marking of times and seasons, when men agree to stop work and make merry together is a wise and wholesome custom. It helps one to feel the supremacy of the common life over the individual life.

"Are you willing to stoop down and consider the needs and desires of little children; to remember the weakness and loneliness of people who are growing old; to stop asking how much your friends love you and ask yourself whether you love them enough; to bear in mind the things that other people have to bear on their hearts; to make a grave for your ugly thoughts and a garden for your kindly feelings, with the gate open — are you willing to do these things even for a day? Then you can keep Christmas.

"Are you willing to believe that love is the strongest thing in the world — stronger than hate, stronger than evil, stronger than death — and that the blessed life which began in Bethlehem some 1900 years ago is the image and brightness of the Eternal Love? Then you can keep Christmas. And if you keep it for a day, why not always?"

We leave you with these thoughts and our very best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Good Tidings

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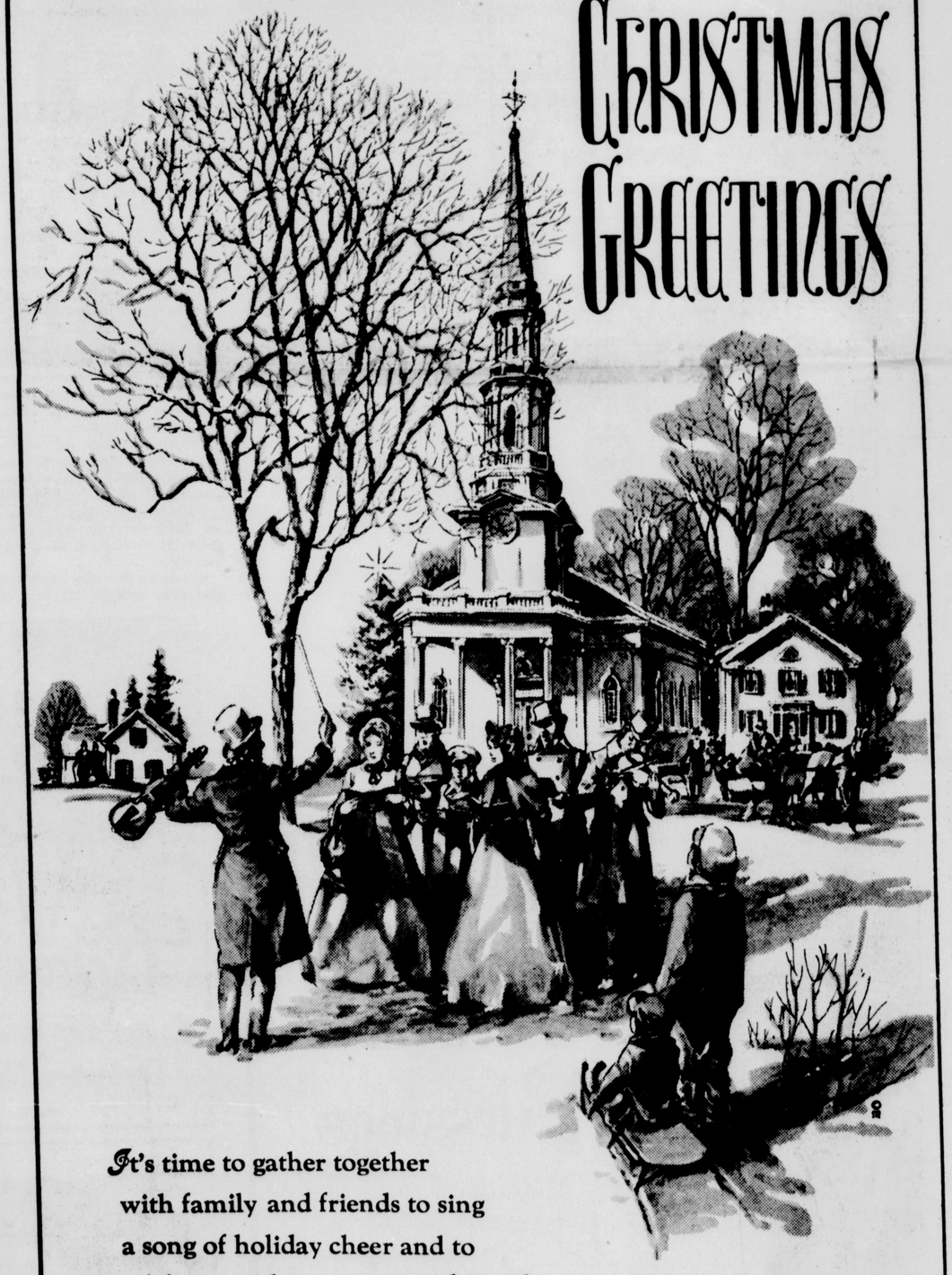

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

It's time to gather together with family and friends to sing a song of holiday cheer and to celebrate with reverence and joy, the many blessings of this glorious season. In the glad spirit of an old-fashioned Christmas we send your way warm and hearty wishes for every happiness shared with loved ones. Thank you, sincerely, for your patronage and good will.

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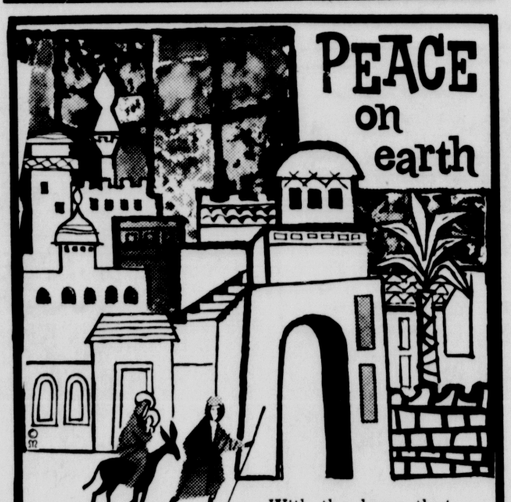

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Missouri Yule Tree Farmers Include Teacher and Legislator

JEFFERSON CITY (AP) — Perhaps a quarter million Missouri families will decorate scotch pines for their Christmas trees—scotch pines that really aren't scotch but European or Asian instead.

With no pun intended, the production of Christmas trees is a growing business in Missouri and still it meets only about a quarter of the demand in this state alone. Practically no Missouri grown trees are exported beyond the state lines, the folks in the business report.

Funny thing, though, few Christmas tree farmers are farmers in the usual sense. Instead, they come from all sorts of vocations.

Oscar Urquhart of Harrisonville, Mo., is a retired Navy officer. G. Myron Gwinner of Hermann, Mo., once was director of marketing and research for the St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Martin Degenhardt of Perryville is a long-time state represenative and is also busy with his brothers in a wood products firm. Young Bob Estes of Jefferson City is a high school art teacher.

Gwinner has some 200,000 trees in various stages of growth, plus perhaps a quarter million seedlings that he transplants to his own acres or sells to other Christmas tree producers. He operates only at wholesale and his wife recently reported they have to put up chains on their roadway to bar would be retail buyers from coming in.

Urquhart, on the other hand, operates at both retail and wholesale. He make a big play for the retail customer with his "Christmas Tree Lake," where the whole family can stop off, choose a tree and even borrow a saw to cut it down with.

John Wylie, assistant state forester with the Conservation Department, says anyone with the determination to do his chores at just the right time can grow Christmas trees profitably. The income compares favorably with a good corn crop, he says, and even an acre plot would be worthwhile.

Most Christmas tree farms, however, run from 20 acres up and are usually operated on a four or five block system of rotation. The first block will be harvested one year while the others are in varying stages of growth.

Degenhardt, a charter member of the Missouri Christmas Tee Producers Association and now its president, describes his operation:

Along with harvesting this year's crop, he decides how many seedlings he will need for replanting next spring. He may place the order with the George O. White nursery, operated by the Conservation Department of Licking, Mo.—the biggest Missouri supplier — or with some nursery such as Gwinner's.

In March or April, as soon as the soil has thawed, he will plant the seedlings. The best operation, the growers say, is to plant from 1,200 to 1,500 seedlings to the acre, because that provides room for work lanes through each plot.

At almost the same time, before the dormant plants begin to wake up under warmth from the spring sun, the soil around the plants must be treated with a herbicide to keep weed and grass growth down for the first two years. After that, mowing will handle the competition from the grasses between the now well established trees.

All through the warm months growers must be vigilant against the onslaught of insects.

In the next to last growing season before harvesting, the plants must be trimmed and shaped and in the last summer the ones to be marketed must be marked with a tag of some sort.

In September of the sale year the grower goes through the plot spray dyeing the trees to be sold. Pines, as well as other evergeens, tend to yellow during winter months, a reaction to sun and wind, foresters say. So, to assure verdant trees they are dyed.

Harvest begins about Thanksgiving and it's going hot and heavy before December is well along.

Trees in a particular plot may not be cleaned out until two or three seasons have passed because some trees progress more slowly than others. Culls are stripped of branches and Christmas wreaths are made up from the branches. Even the pine ones are worked into the wreaths and other Christmas decorations.

Degenhardt had just about decided to ease out of the Christmas tree business, he said, but "we got to talking the other night.

"We got to thinking what it would be like around here without the trees and so I'm getting ready to order a new batch of seedlings for next spring."

Guide for Bike Buying

By AP Newsfeatures

If you're planning to get your child a new bicycle for Christmas, the results of a research project conducted by the National Safety Council may interest you. The study which analyzed some 4,000 accident questionnaires received from students and parents revealed:

The relative safety of a bicycle is not determined by its style.

The size of the bicycle in relation to the size of the child is an important safety factor: "the child riding a bike too large for him gets involved in more accidents."

Nighttime accidents, while fewer in number, are usually more severe.

More boys are involved in motor vehicle accidents than girls.

Of 4,000 accident reports studied, only 33 mentioned a defective component as contributing to the accident, and of these, 20 were the result of improper maintenance.

What this means to the prospective Christmas buyer, say bicycle experts.

Lightweight, middleweight, racing or touring bike or the very popular high rise bike all have the same degree of safety. Design has nothing to do with it.

Bikes should be bought to fit, not to grow into. Buying a bike too large is false and dangerous economy.

Parents should make sure that all their cycling children know and observe the rules of the road. This is particularly true of boys, who may have paper routes that keep them out on bikes in evening hours.

All bikes, even new ones, need regular maintenance to keep them in good, safe operating condition.

Parents should make sure the youngster knows how to operate the various kinds of optional equipment available for the bike —stick shift, and so on. He should be able to bring it to a smooth stop whether he has caliper brakes, hand brakes or a combination of the two.

Did You Ever

"Tightest man in the world is the fellow who packs just the exact number of nuts and bolts with the put-it-together Christmas toy".

THEY GO TOGETHER... What fireworks are to the Fourth of July, a doll of her own is most every little girl's idea of a happy Christmas.

YARDS OF CARDS

Pin Christmas cards to lengths of four inch ribbon. Decorate top with a bright bow and trimmings from the tree. Add pine cones.

Accidents Mar Holiday Cheer

By AP Newsfeatures

BIRMINGHAM, Mich. (AP) — The holiday season is also the hazardous season but advance planning and strict adherence to safety rules can do much to prevent accidents, says Mrs. Harriet Bishop Howe, home and industrial safety expert.

Only a fifth of the nation's accidents occur in industry, while nearly half take place in the home, she points out. At this time of year Christmas trees and decorations, the flood of toys and gifts and the many visitors and parties present especially dangerous situations.

Mrs. Howe, who regularly preaches safety for the home and family through talks before women's clubs, civic groups and school audiences and is treasurer of Howe Services here, a firm that specializes in industrial safety programs, has been active for 2(years in the field of acciden prevention.

"We're trying to teach your husband safety in his plant," she tells women. "We want him to come home and spread the word there."

She advises women to make sure the Christmas tree has been well soaked in water and that the stand in which it is placed also is filled with water. "Make sure that cords, plugs and lights are in good working order," she adds. "Remember, the cord that was good last year has spent 12 months in the closet. It could be dried out and dangerous. Don't overload outlets, and always turn out the tree lights when you leave."

Another holiday hazard, she cautions, is that of infection from cuts and scratches stemming from broken tree ornaments, opening gift boxes, putting toys together and from glasses and bottles at party time. The slightest scratch should be attended to.

"Don't let your kitchen become a danger area," says Mrs. Howe. "Too many pots on the stove, with handles sticking out, are potential troublemakers. Wipe up spills before you slip on them. Toys can be dangerous if they have sharp points or if they are inflammable."

She also suggests removing ice from walks and steps and other places where guests come in or out. Her last suggestion, though not new, may do the most to save your life. "Do not let the holiday 'spirits' overcome you," she urges "If you drink, don't drive."

HOLIDAY BEVERAGES

Eggnog is by far the most popular Christmas beverage in the United States, although hot punches are regaining favor. Also popular is spiced tea with cloves, cinnamon and nutmeg added before brewing, then combined with heated fruit juices.

HOME GROWN DECORATIONS

You can prune your own evergreens and use the trimmings for Christmas wreaths and other decorations.

Be careful how you trim. Consider the natural contour of the tree and shrubs. Many branches may be removed without noticeable effect. Among evergreens that may be pruned before Christmas, experts advise, are yew, arborvitae, laurel, rhododendron, euonymus, magnolia, azalea, ivy or abelia. From the branches you can fashion centerpieces, wreathes, mantel or door decorations.

To give leaves of broadleaf evergreens a lustre, wipe them with glycerine diluted with water. You may silver or gold some or spray them with artificial snow.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

As joy and laughter fill the air during the Christmas season, we wish to take a moment to add our best wishes and thanks.

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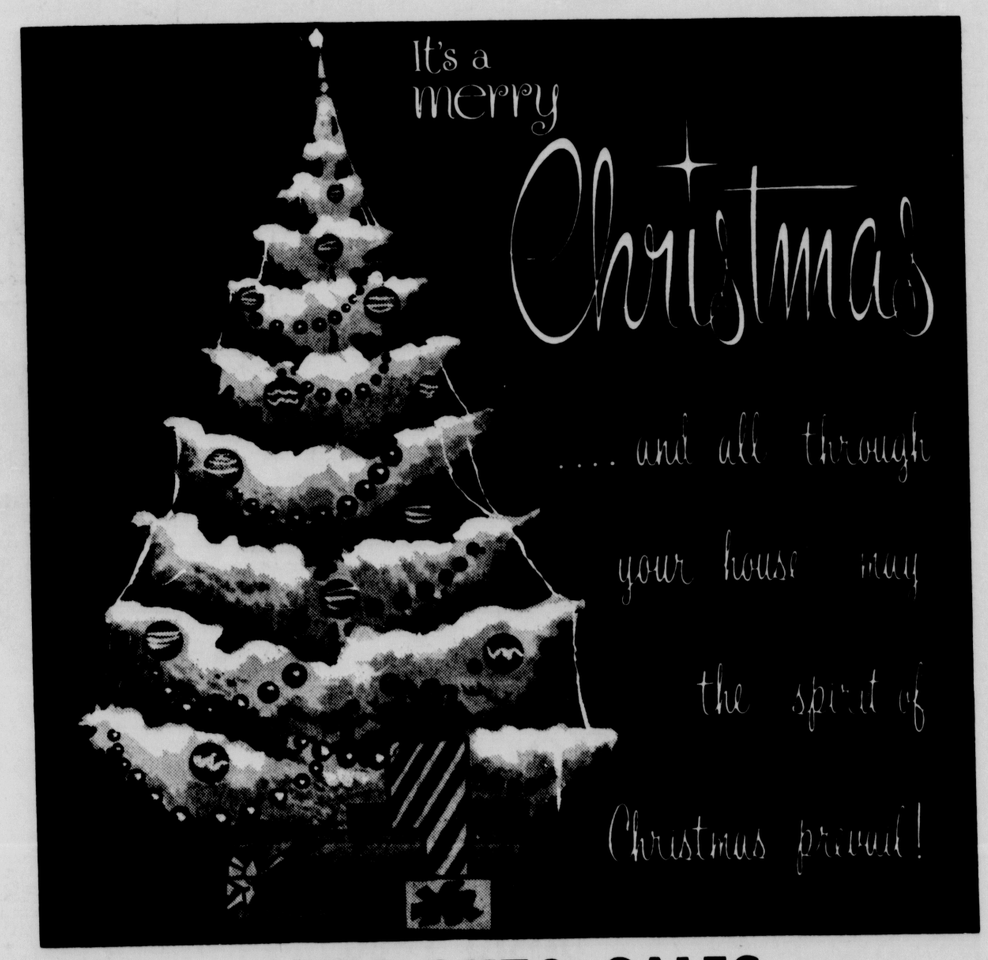

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BRIDGER PLUMBING

HOLIDAY COASTERS

Coasters in gay holiday design make a delightful surprise gift. You can make them yourself by rubber cementing red or green felt to foam rubber sheeting 1/4 of an inch thick. Cut in circles with an ordinary scissors or pinking shears and top each coaster with a Merry Christmas seal.

In Hong Kong, there is a Santa Claus, but the name is different. Everything else is much the same, however, as "San Tan You Lin" is found in many department stores, specially costumed for the season, and quick to hold a youngster on his knee and listen to a list of Christmas gift requests.

JEWISH 'CHRISTMAS'

The Jewish "Christmas", called Hannukah, is a gift-giving season which commemorates the rebuilding of the temple in Jerusalem. One of the most beautiful of Jewish festivals, Hannukah does not occur on a fixed date each year, but eight nights are used for gift-giving.

Witty Approach to Homemaking Spells Success for Humorist

By ARLEEN ABRAHAMS
AP Newsfeatures Writer

Asking most women to admit they're not tops in the homemaking department is like asking them to admit they've had a face-lift. They may tell their very best friends, but few women are likely to come right out and make a public statement to the effect that their cooking and cleaning leave much to be desired.

Peg Bracken did; witness the titles of her best-sellers: "The I Hate to Cook Book," "The I Hate to Housekeep Book," "I Try to Behave Myself: Peg Bracken's Etiquette Book" and "Peg Bracken's Appendix to The I Hate to Cook Book." Furthermore, she feels that admitting what many other women would have loved to admit but couldn't about such previously reverently treated topics as cooking is responsible for her success as a humorist.

"Humor is almost always serious. What makes the situation funny is that it's so true," says the attractive middle-age wife, mother and homemaker-writer.

"For example," explains Miss Bracken, "given a half hour's notice that company is coming, is the average woman going to be able to turn out one of those deluxe dishes displayed in the ladies' magazines — setups that take three women three days to prepare and photograph? No, so why not do what I do? Open a can of corn beef hash, poach an egg and slice some tomatoes. For dessert, there's always a box of chocolates in the house. This meal is okay with me and with my guests and I suspect it's okay with the home ec ladies, too, but they're not about to admit it."

Or take the well-known decorating hangup. "It's an established fact that many women get all jittery because they aren't sure that their taste is first-class, but they're afraid to say so. I admit that my only real talent is wallpapering but I never pick the right paper — a fact I never discover until the project is finished," says Miss Bracken with a smile.

There was no decorating crisis at her home in Bolinas, Calif., where she lives with her husband, painter-illustrator Parker Edwards and Johanna, 13, her daughter by a previous marriage. It was only natural for her to call in a decorator right at the start.

"Otherwise I'd never have decided on anything. I'm too democratic ... I like everything from French provincial to Early Man," she quips.

The decorator, "who knew me for a long time and knew what I liked," helped ease her mind and left her more time to devote to her writing. One of the results, her latest book, "I Didn't Come Here to Argue," permits her "to sound off on all those topics I wanted to sound off on before but wasn't able to." In it she tackles every subject from sex and the supermarket to the joys of not being young to her opinions on the feminine mystique.

"I don't go along with ideas for complete equalization of the sexes, except in terms of equal pay for equal work," says the Antioch College graduate. "In fact, I wish women would stop rocking the boat. There's hardly any job we can't get today — though we may be paid less than a man would — and we still have the privilege of being treated with courtesy and gallantry. I know my back muscles are not as strong as my husband's and that makes me kind of special. We women never have had it so good."

Does Miss Bracken have any pet peeves in addition to the 108 (from the 108 sins of Buddha) she itemizes in her latest book? "Yes — two," she says with fire in her eyes. "One is spreading the bathroom over the living room. Have you ever had guests in, turned on the television and watched a very detailed commercial for a feminine deodorant. It's downright embarrassing."

Pet peeve No. 2 is being called clever. Although she delights in combining wit with wisdom to ease the housewife's burdens and even though she's especially proud of the fact that a New York clinic is giving away her books to help newly discharged psychiatric patients cope better with everyday chores, clever to her is a "dirty word."

"I don't want people to admire my writing for its double meanings, for its sharp use of words," says the woman who claims she's wanted to be a writer since her childhood days in St. Louis, where her Dad was superintendent of schools. "I want people to laugh aloud when they read me. I used to write a lot of light verse but stopped when I realized that light verse, with the exception of Ogden Nash's, is rarely funny. To me, being funny is very important. I guess I just can't get my tongue out of my cheek."

PEG BRACKEN ... The author of "The I Hate to Cook Book" credits her success to a simple formula: admitting what other women would like to but can't.

OUR OWN SPIRIT

Each year as the Christmas season approaches we think back of our own childhood Christmases and remember the innocent, uncomplicated joy we felt and how eagerly we awaited the great day. Now, as adults, we still look forward to Christmas with anticipation but with a deeper feeling as a brief period of peace and serenity — a promise of love and good will that perhaps will someday prevail in a world that is now filled with violence and chaos. It is a joyous season to be shared with family and friends and we celebrate around a beautiful table set with our finest china and silver. The most memorable part of Christmas, however, may well be the part we cannot see or touch, the spirit of love and perpetual hope we all have.

WELCOME!

Is there a warmer way of saying "Merry Christmas" and "Please Come In!" than a front door that's bedecked with greens and trimmings?

The Reign Of Peace

Some day, some happy day,
All forms of strife shall cease,
And may it be not far away-
The time when all is peace;
On every sea, on every shore,
The sound of war shall be no more.

Sometime, some happy time,
And may that time be near-
Injustice, cruelty and crime
From earth shall disappear?
For Christ shall come to be our King,
And every tongue with joy shall sing.

That time, that happy time,
Which this whole world shall bless,
Will bring to view a sight sublime-
The reign of righteousness;
For Christ alone shall be our King,
And every tongue His praise shall sing.

His love, His wondrous love,
Shall soften every heart,
As it comes down from heaven above,
While sin shall then depart,
And every tongue with joy shall sing,
When Christ has come to be our King.

Mary Starck

A beautiful custom that originated in Austria is the Advent Wreath.

The wreath is made of pine or holly and has four candles in it. One candle is lighted on each of the four Sundays preceding Christmas, while one of the children reads a part of the Christmas Story from the Bible. All four candles are lighted on Christmas Day.

Another custom observed by many Austrian families is the placing of apple twigs in a vase of water on St. Barbar's Day, December 4th. If the twigs blossom by Christmas Eve, good fortune will come to the family, and the more blossoms there are, the greater the luck.

CHRISTMAS CANDY

You will enjoy making, as well as the results, of this candy recipe. It would be well to have a candy thermometer, but the recipe is not difficult.

ALMOND CRUNCH

3 cups of sugar
1 1/2 cups corn syrup
1 tablespoon butter
1 1/2 cups flake coconut
1 teaspoon soda
1 teaspoon salt
1 cup roasted almonds — chopped

One of the most exciting features of Christmas, which everyone in Spain attends, is called "Parade of the Gigantes".

Immense figures 20 or 30 feet high are made from wood or cardboard representing kings, queens, historical or even a mythological figure. These are carried by men of vigor.

The figures are placed on their shoulders (with the aid of a peephole . . . and a snorkel to breathe through) and jig and whirl and frolic, to the music of fife and drum.

A pair of gypsies usually follows along passing the hat among the parade watchers and collecting pesos with great hilarity. This later goes to their favorite charity.

Joyous Christmas Wishes

In the happy spirit of the holiday that abounds, we thank our faithful neighbors and friends.

OAKES CONOCO SERVICE

Hiway 61 North

We like to say "thank you" for the opportunity of serving you and to wish you success and prosperity in the days that lie ahead... may you enjoy a merry Christmas.

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Sikeston, Missouri

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THE BAUGHER STUDIO

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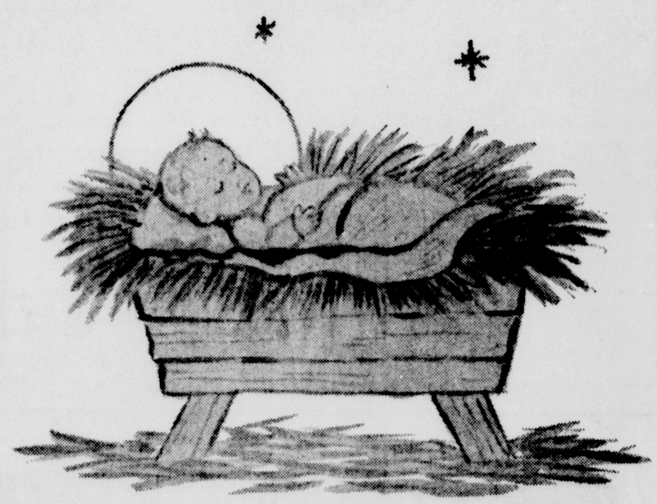
Christmas Joy

To one and all a most joyous and happy holiday, and thanks so much, too.

ANDRES
GENERAL REPAIR
616 S. Kingshighway

May you have the Peace Hope and Love which is Christmas



McKnight Keaton Gro. Co.

49 YEARS IN SIKESTON, MO.

Greetings

Allow us this moment, to send our sincere and hearty thanks and best wishes to all our friends and neighbors, whom we have served with pleasure and pride throughout the year. May the best of holidays be yours.

GristO Feed

THE SCOTT COUNTY MILLING CO. SIKESTON

HOLIDAY SPARKLER. . .This jeweled barrette adds glitter to your holiday mien. But the first essential is sparkling, clean and kempt hair.

Highlight Your Hair This Holiday Season

By AP Newsfeatures

Wrap with beautifully colored paper, a stylish twist of ribbon, shining sequins or a gleaming ornament, and a holiday gift is ready for compliments.

It should be that easy for a girl to turn herself into a pretty package. But December usually finds most women in a holidaze wondering most of all, what to do with their hair? Should they cut it, crimp it, color it, curl it or just cover it.

This season take a few beauty hints from the package under the tree. Combine beautiful color, style and ornaments. And start right at the top because hair sets the whole mood for your holiday image.

Is your hair lifeless? Dull? An average color? What better time than the holidays to try a definite, but not dramatic, change. A shampoo-in hair color is the solution, say Clairol beauty consultants.

Next, select two or three styles to see you through the social scene. If your hair is short to medium in length, try the new "neat" head look — smooth on the crown and curly at the sides. Or part your hair on the side and hold it down with a barrette.

For long-hairs, the Gibson Girl is perfect for evening. This year also marks the return of the elaborate hairdo, which calls for hairpieces to twist and turn for dramatic effects.

Now, your hair is ready to be decorated. What a choice! There are ribbons, bows, braids, tassels, barrettes for day and evening, metallic nets, close-fitting crocheted caps in gold and silver, and ropes of pearls. Jeweled ornaments designed specifically for the hair and clusters of shining lacquered curls top off any hairdo and add desired holiday season dazzle.

The Worst Sickness In American History

By DAVID LAWRENCE

For the last several years, people have wondered about the causes of the unrest and riots in the cities, disturbances in colleges and schools, and the upsurge in crime which now has reached unprecedented proportions. President Nixon, in a message to Congress, has just pinpointed the basic source of much of it - namely, thyabuse of drugs. He described this as a "serious national threat to the personal health and safety of millions of Americans." He added:

"A national awareness of the gravity of the situation is needed; a new urgency and concerted national policy are needed at the federal level to begin to cope with this growing menace to the general welfare of the United States."

In a period of seven years, juvenile arrests involving the use of drugs have risen by almost 800 per cent. Half of those being arrested for the illicit use of narcotics, said the President, are under 21 years of age.

The number of narcotic addicts across the country is estimated to be in the hundreds of thousands, and the President declared that several million college students in this country have at least experimented with various drugs. Mr. Nixon commented:

"It is doubtful that an American parent can send a son or daughter to college today without exposing the young man or woman to drug abuse. Parents must also be concerned about the availability and use of such drugs in our high schools an; junior high schools."

The President emphasized, too, that the narcotics habit constitutes a threat to the community in which addicts live, and is a "primary cause of the enormous increase in street crimes over the last decade." As an individual's desire for drugs increases, he turns to crime in order to get the necessary funds, and in some cases commits two or three burglaries a day.

We hear now and then the argument that some drugs are no worse than alcohol and that many injuries and deaths have been caused by drunken driving, too. But drug addiction is far more likely to lead to crime.

Action is needed not only on the federal level but in the States and cities. This difficult subject must be dealt with in a comprehensive manner if any progress is to be made in overcoming the dangers of the widespread use of narcotics. International co-operation is required to prevent the production and importing of drugs. A lot of personnel will have to be mobilized also to deal with the education of the public on the menace of certain drugs as well as to provide for the rehabilitation of users who require psychological or psychiatrict help to break the habit. Never before has there been such a massive challenge.

The first step, therefore, is to strengthen the laws and secure rigid enforcement. The Department of Justice is about to begin a series of conferences with law- enforcement executives in the various States. Basically, this is a sociological question which has become so closely related to the increase in crime that the problem can no longer be left to solve itself. The aid of government is imperative.

Many parents are worried, and so are the principals and headmasters of public and private schools. Not long ago, the head of a preparatory school sent a letter to the parents of his students denying a published report that 90 per cent of the senior class were using dope. But he ruefully conceded that nearly 10 per cent voluntarily replied to an unsigned questionnaire admitting they were victims of the habit.

Narcotics have been in use for many generations, but primarily by adults. Today drug abuse is occurring more and more among younger people. It is spreading from junior high schools to elementary schools, according to testimony on July 16 before a congressional committee by the director of the National Institute of Mental Health. He cited also a report from one university estimating that 70 per cent of its student body will have used marijuana by the end of this year.

The President of the United States has spoken, and it is important that adults as well as young people be given the facts so that they may realize the dangers involved even in the occasional use of narcotics.

The Chief Executive has submitted to Congress a significant set of legislative proposals dealing with this whole problem. They deserve high priority, and both the Senate and the House should act promptly. No other laws are of greater urgency to so many voters. For, unless the tragic sickness which is today sweeping the country is checked, the consequent loss of life and property could become a national calamity.

U.S. News & World Report

Half the world's supply of fresh water is found in Canada.

Sensing The News

A PHONY SANTA CLAUS

In approving higher personal income tax exemptions and in voting to nearly double minimum Social Security benefits, the U.S. Senate south to present itself as Santa Claus to the taxpayers of the nation. However, it was a poor impersonation of Santa.

Perhaps some citizens thought they were getting genuine Christmas cheer when a majority of the Senate voted to increase the personal income tax exemption from $600 to $800 and to boost the minimum Social Security payment from $55 to $100. Everyone likes a handsome present, but they don't especially enjoy a Christmas package they have to pay for themselves. And that's the situation the taxpayers will find themselves in if the increases are approved by a House- Senate conference committee.

Some time ago President Nixon recommended a 10 per cent hike in Social Security payments which would take note of the impact of inflation on Social Security beneficiaries. But the virtual doubling of payments is a far cry from the 10 per cent favored by the nation's Chief Executive.

No doubt Mr. Nixon would like to be generous at Christmas time. It would be good politics to favor the big handouts voted by the Senate. Fortunately, Mr. Nixon knows that the man in the White House isn't supposed to play Santa Claus with the American people. Like the head of a household, he has to worry about how the bills will be paid after the holiday.

The personal income tax exemption hike was the project of Senator Albert Gore (D—Tenn) who is up for reelection next year. Apparently he has special reason to masquerade as Santa Claus. Seator Gore, however, isn't being generous with his own money. Instead, he is imposing a new burden on the taxpayers. Mr. Nixon has pointed out that the kind of increase favored by Seator Gore would result in a revenue shortfall.

The government can't afford a so- called shortfall. It has to pay its bills. And if tax revenues aren't adequate in the year ahead, taxes will have to be raised later on -- after Senator Gore's election contest, which is convenient for the Senator from Tennessee.

The Social Security increase raises the same issue. If enacted into law, the proposal would cost an estimated $6.2 billion. America's working people already are feeling the oppressive effects of Social Security payments. More and more money is being taken out of weekly paychecks in order to provide Social Security recipients with regular payments. Nowadays a working man may get a raise in pay -- only to discover that higher Social Security costs leave him with less than he was earning before he received a raise. The latest $6.2 billion proposal would extend that unhappy experience to many, many more working people.

Senator John J. Williams (R-Del) has said that the spender majority in the Senate has turned the tax bill into "a Christmas tree." The spenders may be disappointed, however, as the tax- paying public is increasingly sophisticated. Fewer and fewer people these days believe the old liberal propaganda that the federal government dispenses "free" benefits.

Nowadays, the majority of people subscribe to a more realistic view of economics. They know that every handout from government has to be paid for by the taxpayers. In state after state there are taxpayer rebellions. Taxpayer associations are cropping up in many cities and counties as concerned citizens determine something must be done to bar additional tax burdens imposed on them by giveaway- minded politicians. Thus the Albert Gores in politics may find that the giveaway promises of yester- year don't fool a new generation of working Americans.

The "silent majority" In the United States isn't concerned exclusively with foreign affairs. The "silent Americans," or one might call them the "fed up" Americans, also are aroused about the waste of the taxpayers money and about the nonsensical liberal thinking that equates handouts with prosperity.

Millions of working people receive – along with their paychecks – itemized statements which show how much of their earnings go for state and federal income tax for Social Security. The promises of politicians aren't persuasive when one can look t the list of deductions and see how bigger federal programs and various government giveaways result in a reduction in take- home pay.

Everyone would like a tax cut, and many people would welcome higher Social Security payments. But they don't want these things if the price means higher taxes in future and a severe cutback in he weekly paycheck. Senator Gore and others who voted for the latest giveaways are likely to discover that people today are fiscally well informed and will welcome a presidential veto of a tax bill that doesn't make sense.

Schooled In Cotton

CHECKMATES—Apple-polishing's in order for the back-to-school set, and checked cotton gingham is equally in order for brother-sister wear. Bright red apple appliques adorn the front of the little boy's button-on suit and the girl's back-belted apron. By Lil Filly Originals, both have contrasting collars of white cotton pique.

Candle Long Part Of German Tree

Germans used to look on their Christmas trees with pride and even a little awe.

They were a beautiful sight. No store bought colored balls, just dozens of candles burning bright and warm.

Not so long ago the Fire Department campaigned against tree candles, and insisted of the danger and fire hazard.

German families have begun to follow the American custom of using colored lights and even packaged decorations. They still grumble about it, but the number of Christmas Eve fires has dropped dramatically, according to Fire Department figures.

ROBIN LEGEND

Robin red-breast, perennial harbinger of spring, has been associated in legend with Christ, and thus with Christmas.

It was told long ago that the bird attempted to ease Christ's suffering on the way to His crucifixion by pulling a thorn from the crown. According to the legend, a drop of blood fell on the robin's chest and remained there forever.

This explains why the robin was a familiar decorative touch to Christmas cards in the late 19th century.

EXCHANGES STUCK

Wetterau Foods, Inc., of St. Louis today (Wednesday, December 10) exchanged shares of stock with stockholders of three corporations operating under the name of Mohr Valu Centers in Rolla and Flat River, Mo., and Litchfield, Ill.

In exchange for an undisclosed number of shares of Wetterau stock, Wetterau acquired all of the stock of Mohr Distributors, Inc., Rolla, Mo., Mohr Distributors of Flat River, Inc., and Mohr Distributors of Litchfield, Inc., formerly known as Gibson Products Company of Litchfield, Inc.

Taking part in the transaction were Oliver G. Wetterau, president of Wetterau Foods, Inc.; Irving Brin, president of Gibson Discount Stores; Norman Kessler, vice-president; Mrs. Brin and Mrs. Kessler.

The three stores will be operated under the name of Mohr Value Centers as wholly - owned subsidiaries of Wetterau. They will continue to sell general merchandise, including men's and women's clothing, soft goods, shoes, toys, small electrical appliances, automotive accessories, and health and beauty aids.

Wetterau is a wholesale distributor of food and non-food products for some 450 IGA supermarkets in the Midwest and New England as well as 275 Red & White and other independent grocers in the southeastern United States.

The diesel was patented in Germany in 1873 by Rudolf Diesel, and the first engine was built in 1897.

HARDY HOLLY

Most of the holly cuttings used in American homes are of the English variety, grown for the most part in the northwest where climatic conditions are most favorable. Several American strains are hardier than their English cousins and superior in color, foliage and fruit. They carry such interesting names as Merry Christmas, Santa Claus, Old Heavy Berry and Cronenberry.

Holy Night

In the spirit of that Holy Night, we wish you joy and peace.

HILL'S GROCERY
1400 NORTH STREET SIKESTON, MO.

IT'S CHRISTMASTIME

We wish you a Christmas filled with Happy Doings! Our thanks to you for your past favors. We will endeavor always to be worthy of your trust.

RAMADA INN

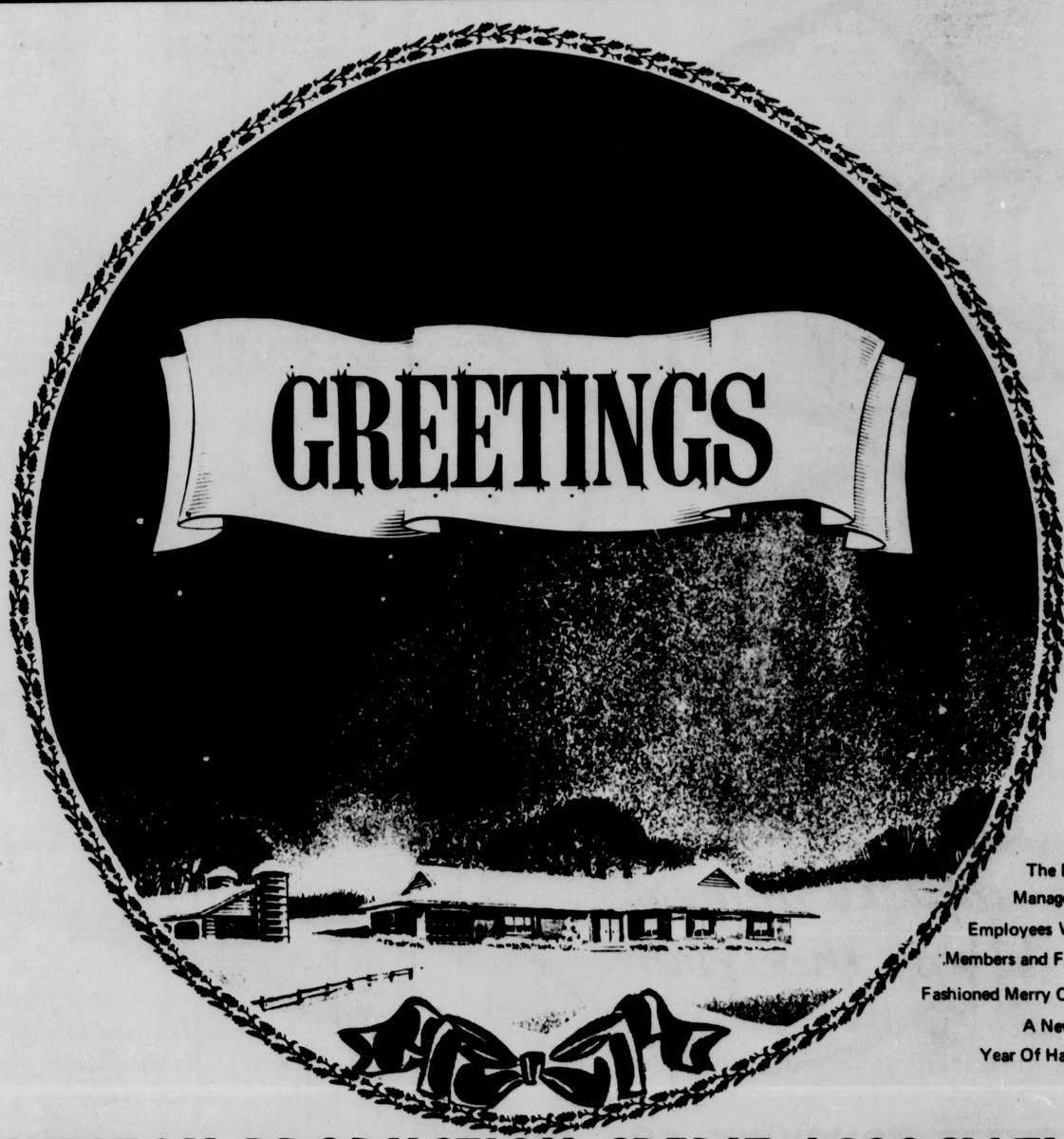
RESTAURANT WILL BE CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY

IN ORDER FOR OUR EMPLOYEES TO SPEND CHRISTMAS WITH THEIR FAMILIES

Peace and Joy

On the eve of His Birth, may the light of love and understanding shine upon you and kindle your heart with peace . . . and joy.

POTLATCH FOREST INC.

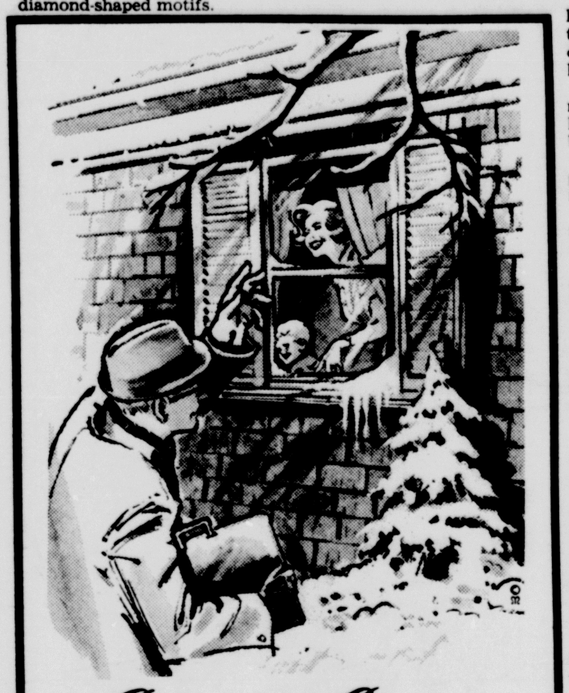


GREETINGS

The Directors, Management and Employees Wish All Our Members and Friends An Old Fashioned Merry Christmas And A New Year Of Happiness

SIKESTON PRODUCTION CREDIT ASSOCIATION
SIKESTON, MISSOURI

FOR THE BASSINET SET—Ideal gift for a newborn baby, this reversible bassinet cover is easy to make. All that's required is a yard of quilted cotton gingham with solid color backing, Coats & Clark's jumbo and baby rick rack in contrasting colors, and 2-inch wide bias hem facing. Stitch rick rack on the gingham side following quilting stitches to form diamond-shaped motifs.



Christmas Greetings

The contentment and security of home and family is particularly valued at Christmas. May the season find you snug and happy, and may we thank you for letting us serve you.

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217 Tanner — Sikeston, Mo.

Jesus, The Perfect Man

(Reprinted, in response to numerous requests, as written by the late C. P. J. Mooney for The Commercial Appeal of Dec. 22, 1912).

There is no other character in history like that of Jesus.

As a preacher, as a doer of things, and as a philosopher, no man has ever had the sweep and vision of Jesus.

A human analysis of the human actions of Jesus brings to view a rule of life that is amazing in its perfect detail.

The system of ethics Jesus taught during his earthly sojourn 2,000 years ago was true then, has been true in every century since and will be true forever.

Plato was a great thinker and learned in his age, but his teachings did not stand the test of time, and human experience have shown that he erred.

Marcus Aurelius touched the reflective mind of the world, but he was as cold and austere as brown marble.

The doctrine of Confucius gave a great nation moral and mental dry rot.

The teachings of Buddha resulted in mental and moral chaos that makes India derelict.

Mohammed offered a system of ethics which was adopted by millions of people. Now their children live in deserts where once there were cities, along dry rivers where once there was moisture, and in shadows of gray, barren hills where once there was greenness.

Thomas Aquinas was a profound philosopher, but parts of his system have been abandoned.

Francis of Assisi was Christlike in his saintliness, but in some respects he was childish.

Thomas A. Kempis' Imitation of Christ is a thing of rare beauty and sympathy but it is, as its name indicates, only an imitation.

Sir Thomas More's Utopia is yet a dream and cannot be realized.

Lord Bacon's writing on Chemistry and medicine under the glasses of the man in a 20th Century laboratory is puerile.

The world's most learned doctors until 150 years ago gave dragon's blood and the ground dried tails of lizards and shells of eggs for certain ailments. The great surgeons of a hundred years ago bled a man if he were wounded.

Napoleon had the world at his feet for four years, and when he died the world was going on its way as if he had never lived.

Jesus taught little as to property because He knew there were more important things than property. He measured property and life, the body and soul, at their exact relative value. He taught much as to character, because character was more important than dollars.

Other men taught us to develop systems of government. Jesus taught us so as to perfect the minds of men. Jesus looked at the soul, while other men dwell on more material things.

After the experience of 2,000 years, no man can find a flaw in the governmental system outlined by Jesus.

Czar and kaiser, president and socialist, give to its complete merit their admiration.

No man today, no matter whether he follows the doctrine of Mills, Marx or George as to property, can find a false principle in Jesus' theory of property.

In the duty of man to his fellows, no sociologist has ever approximated the perfection of the doctrine laid down by Jesus in His Sermon on the Mount.

Not all the investigations of chemists, not all the discoveries of explorers, not all the experiences of rulers, not all the historical facts that go to make up the sum of human knowledge on this day in 1912 are in contradiction to one word uttered or one principle laid down by Jesus.

The human experience of 2,000 years shows that Jesus ever made a mistake. Jesus never uttered a doctrine that was true at the time and then became obsolete.

Jesus spoke the truth; He lived the truth; and truth is eternal.

History has no record of any other man leading a perfect life or doing everything in logical order. Jesus is the only person whose every action and every utterance strike a true note in he heart of every man born of woman. He never said a foolish thing, never did a foolish act and never dissembled.

No Poet, no dreamer, no philosopher loved humanity with the love that Jesus bore toward all men.

Who, then, was Jesus?

He could not have been merely a man, for there was never a man who had two consecutive thoughts absolutely in truthful perfection.

Jesus must have been what Christendom proclaims Him to be - a divine being - or He could not have been what He was. No mind but an infinite mind could have left behind those things which Jesus gave to the world as a heritage.

PARTY-FAIR—Two ways to dress for the holidays: in a black cotton velveteen dress edged with white lace and ribbon sash (left) or in a deep red cotton velveteen dress and pants trimmed with wide lace. Both by Johnston of Dallas.

IN FASHION'S ORBIT—The free-wheeling look of fashion 1970 is captured by Designer Stacy Ames in this T-shirt dress of diamond-patterned cotton crochet. Lightweight and comfortable as only cotton can be, the dress comes in a natural string-color.

A CHRISTMAS WISH

May the lovely, lasting fragrance
Of the pungent Christmas pine
Fill your heart and house long after
Light and tinsel dim their shine.
When you've sped the last guest homeward
With warm wishes and good cheer,
May enduring Christmas spirit
Guide and keep you through the year.

-Louis Hajek

Revised kodak publication describes professional black-and-white films

A new edition of Publication No. F-5, "Kodak Professional Black- and - White Films," includes information about roll as well as sheet films for the professional photographer.

The first part of the text discusses negative quality and how to recognize it, as well as the related subjects of contrast, density, and detail. Further sections deal with emulsion characteristics and the physical properties of films, as well as the important question of storage.

A chapter on choosing the right film for a particular application discusses the use of various film types and the influence of curve shape on negative quality under different conditions of use.

The remainder of the book is devoted to an outline of film processing of both sheets and rolls. A Data- sheet section in the center of the book provides technical information on the most commonly used Kodak professional black- and - white films.

"Kodak Professional Black-and- White Films," which replaces "Negative Making with Kodak Black-and-White Sheet Films," has 32 pages of text and illustrations, plus 32 pages of data sheets, in the 8½ x 11 - inch format. List price of the book is $1.50.

Christmas And Bells

Many poet and musicians have been inspired to write music and verses concerning bells, and bells have been associated with religion for centuries.

John Pierpont, a lawyer who was not happy practicing law, became a clergyman and wrote verses to "Jingle Bells" in about 1857. He called it "The One Horse Open Sleigh", and it is sung all over the world at Christmastime.

This Is Christmas!

Light the candles on your tree of hope, for this is Christmas! Let your heart refresh and take joy and gladness, for this is Christmas!

Listen to the melody in all creation; it is there for those who will hear. Forget the trials of the hour. He who has learned the secret of trust will have no fear, for he can make this day of days one of gladness and praise-giving. For this is Christmas!

Take a board about 5 inches by 9 inches — or thereabouts — cover with foil and nail on a piece of chicken wire.

Pull green branches through the wire and slip colorful Christmas balls and figures amongst the greenery. That's all there is to it. Use the same board each year.

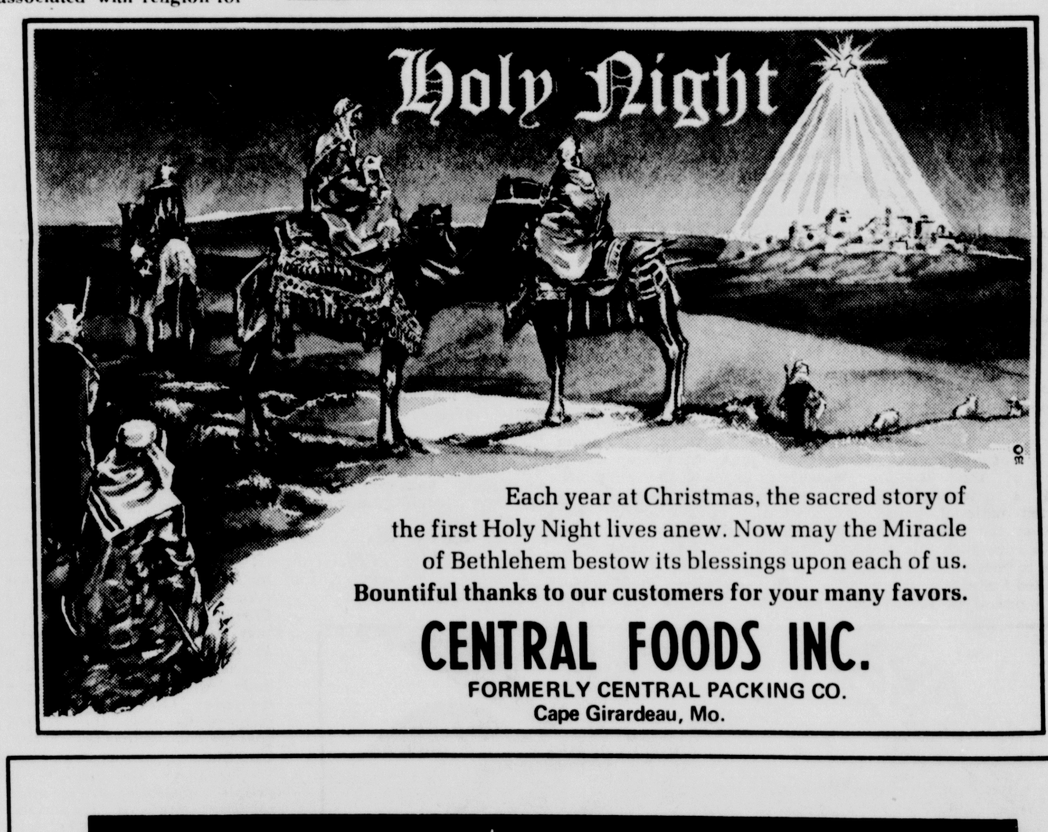
We're ringing in the holiday season
with the best of wishes for you and yours.
And a hearty thank you to our faithful patrons.

Compas 66 & Alignment Serv
205 E. Malone

A very Merry Christmas and
our sincere gratitude
for your patronage.
We're looking forward to serving
you in the future.

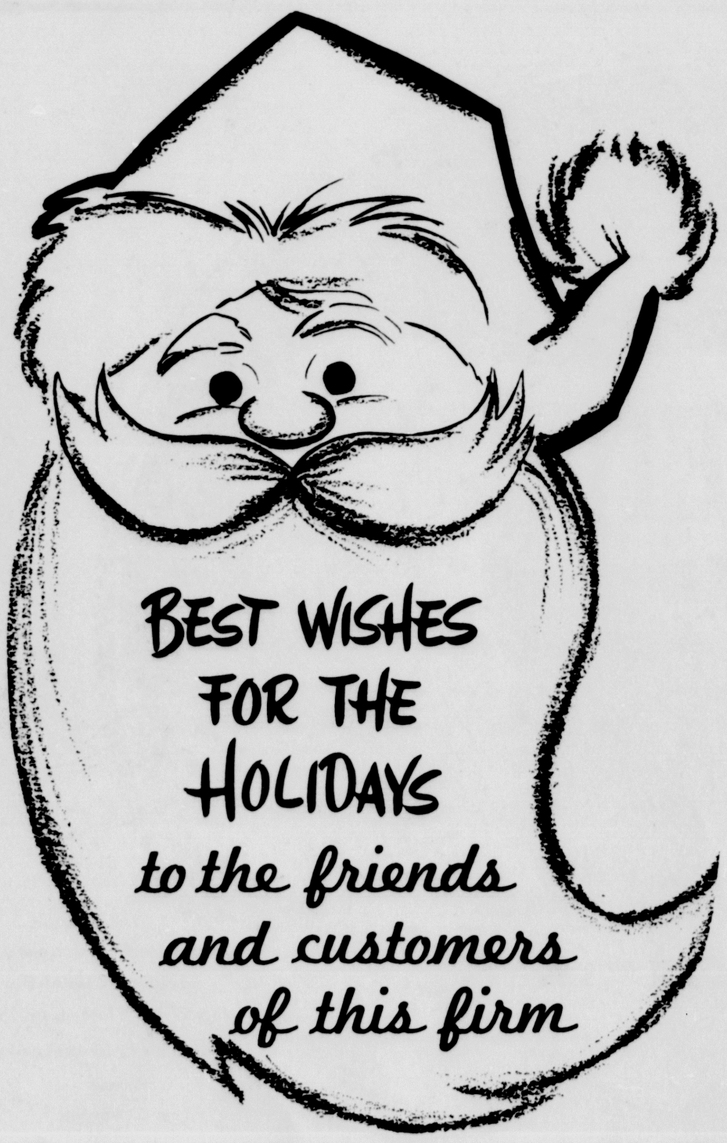
SEASON'S BEST

HAM BRICK ELECTRIC
DAVIS ROAD 471-1631



Each year at Christmas, the sacred story of the first Holy Night lives anew. Now may the Miracle of Bethlehem bestow its blessings upon each of us.
Bountiful thanks to our customers for your many favors.

CENTRAL FOODS INC.
FORMERLY CENTRAL PACKING CO.
Cape Girardeau, Mo.

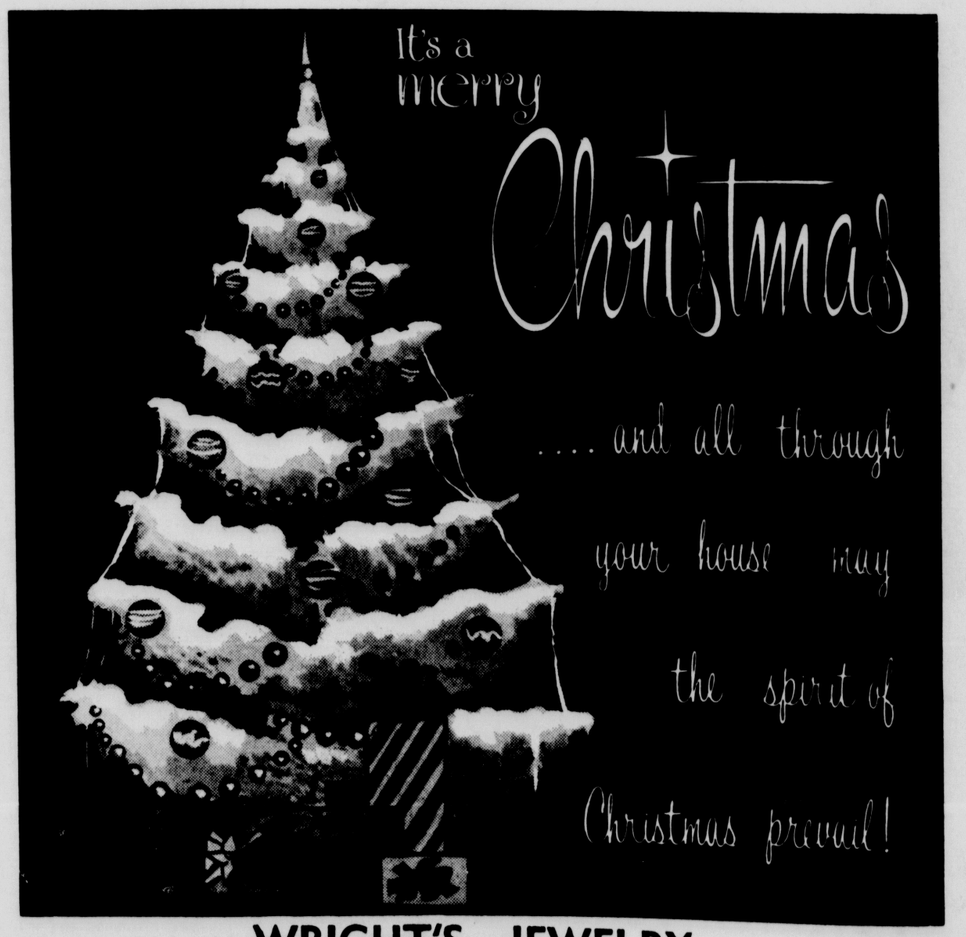


BEST WISHES
FOR THE
HOLIDAYS
to the friends and customers of this firm

RIGHTER TRUCKING CO., INC.
and EMPLOYEES

The sounds of Christmas are happy sounds . . . the glorious ringing of church bells . . . the echo of merry voices 'midst the softly falling snow . . . and our wishes to you: a Very Merry Christmas!

KNIGHT'S DEPT. STORE
SIKESTON & CHARLESTON



WRIGHT'S JEWELRY
Raymond & Betty

Snow Scenes Say, "It's Christmas"

By ANNA MANG

Where the sun shines bright, the air is balmy and never is heard the disouraging howl of a blizzard, Christmas is still a winter wonderland.

In northern climes the plaint is, "We just don't have snow for Christmas the way we used to," and even in climates where decorated palm trees substitute for evergreens and holiday picnics are more likely than sleigh rides, snow and plenty of it seems an essential part of the vision of the Yuletide.

Country snow scenes are popular greeting card subjects and Christmas illustrations in Southern states, South American countries and many other places where snow seldom or never falls. Songs and stories tell of a Christmas world wrapped in wintry white.

It Was Rainy Season

The popularity and persistence of the "winter wonderland" idea seems more remarkable since "snow for Christmas" must have been improbable, if not impossible, as a part of the Holy Night. Rain was more likely, especially on the date officially celebrated as Christ's birthday. December 25 is right in the midst of the rainy season in Bethlehem.

Early art depicting the Nativity and the events following it was faithful to the probabilities. In these paintings, the shepherds watched in fields free of snow, and the Holy Family fled to Egypt under sunny skies, their route marked by palm trees. Later, snow appeared in paintings of the Holy Night.

White Means Purity

Part of the explanation may be that white, rather than red and green, was early chosen by churches as the color of Christmas. White is, of course, the symbol of purity and innocence, and a landscape white with snow thus becomes a proper expression of the true spirit of Christmas.

Other explanations may be found in the origins of Christmas customs. Many of the pagan rites which were absorbed into the Christian celebration came from Northern Europe and, if not associated directly with snow, at least reflected the need for warmth in winter.

The Yule log, for instance, became a part of the early Christmases, and certainly an open fire indoors is enhanced by a blanket of snow outdoors.

Had Snowy Source

Consider, too, that a number of modern Christmas customs — the tree and its lights, for instance — came from Germany, where cold, snowy winters might logically contribute to the legends and lore of the season. The first lighted tree was, supposedly, created by Martin Luther as a symbol of a starry sky on a snowy night.

In modern times Irving Berlin and Bing Crosby have substantially strengthened the vision of a "White Christmas." Bing singing Berlin's famous song is now a traditional part of the Yule season.

While many, perhaps most, people may be able only to dream of a white Christmas and create its semblance with cotton or spray-on snow, it's a safe assumption that the happiest season will continue to be envisioned as a snowy winter wonderland.

Nicest things in the world: a Christmas tree when it's first put up, and the living room when you finally take the tree down.

Lois Reed

A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS

May the splendor of that special Star reflect in our hearts to bring joy anew.

Kirby's Sandwich Shop

SIKESTON, MO.

PALMER'S
ZENITH COLOR TV
SIKESTON, MO.

Spirit of Christmas Rules In Community Celebrations

It's Christmas time! Everywhere, glad sights and sounds reflect the spirit of the season, as this community celebrates the joyous holiday.

The spirit of Christmas is seen, in gaily decorated streets and stores, in homes aglow with light and festive with evergreens, in churches where the manger scene tells anew the wonderful old story of a holy Babe who was born in Bethlehem nearly two thousand years ago.

The spirit of Christmas is heard, in bells ringing out from street corner to steeple, in happy voices singing all the songs of the season, from old familiar carols to the more solemn, but at the same time joyful, anthems, cantatas and oratorios.

The spirit of Christmas is felt, as last minute preparations for the big celebration are made. There are always, it seems, some packages still to be wrapped, some final trimmings to be put on the tree, some part of the Christmas pageant or choral program that needs just one more rehearsal, some extra touches to make the Christmas feast absolutely perfect.

In the midst of the hustle and bustle, the spirit of Christmas shines through in all its many meanings.

The spirit of Christmas means laughter and joy — best expressed, perhaps, by the faces of children, eager and smiling as they wait for Santa, full of reverent wonder as they hear the Christmas story and see the manger scene.

The spirit of Christmas means giving, with love wrapped into every package. And it means sharing — the riches of thoughtful consideration and genuine interest, as well as time and money — with the aged, the ill, the needy and unfortunate.

The spirit of Christmas means a warm renewal of family ties and close friendships, and an enjoyment of traditions treasured through the years — the special customs each family creates for itself, as well as the traditions garnered from the lore and legends of Christmas.

THE STORY OF THE BIRTH OF CHRIST has, for centuries, been an inspiration to artists. The Nativity, the adoration of the shepherds, the journey of the Wise Men and the Madonna and Child have been the subjects of hundreds of beautiful paintings. "The Madonna and Child," shown here, is by Vincenzo Foppa, a Milanese painter of the fifteenth and early sixteenth centuries. It is painted in tempera on wood. From the Metropolitan Museum of Art, The Theodore M. Davis Collection, Bequest of Theodore M. Davis, 1915.

Of Carols . . .

In England and France the custom of carol singing at Christmas stemmed from the songs sung between the scenes of the medieval "mystery" or "miracle" plays, which were created to teach the Bible to the people of the time, few of whom could read.

The early miracle plays portrayed the coming of Christ, in simple drama. Later plays became more elaborate, with fictional scenes added.

Naming the Day

As a holy day and a holiday, Christmas means both prayerful worship and festive merrymaking. The holy meaning of the day is expressed in its name.

The Latin name for Christmas translates as the Feast or Birthday of Our Lord. The English Christmas means the Mass of Christ, a meaning which is closely paralleled by the Dutch "Kermis." In German it's "Weihnacht," or sacred night.

The French "Noel" has several possible meanings — news, birthday or a "shout of joy." Whatever the exact origin, there's no question that Noel now means Christmas.

How the Tree Grew

When the German prince Alfred married Queen Victoria, he carried the custom of the Yule tree to England, and from there it spread by imitation and immigration to the United States and Canada.

The German origin is appropriate, since it was in Germany that the English missionary St. Boniface, formerly a monk named Winfrid, first instituted the decorated fir tree, a tribute to the Christ Child, as a replacement for the sacrifices made to the oak, which was sacred to the pagan god Odin.

When Caroling Began

With the joyful strains of "Silent Night," "The First Noel" and other beloved carols, today's carolers carry on a meaningful Christmas custom that originated centuries ago.

As early as the fourth century A. D., a musical poem was sung in honor of St. Basil and his victory in the fight for Christianity over the Byzantine emperor Julian In Greece legends of St. Basil were later put to music and sung at Christmas and the New Year.

The first real Christmas carols, however, were probably sung in the Italian mountain village of Grecchio when St. Francis of Assisi created the first manger scene in 1223. He and his brethren led the villagers in singing hymns of praise to the Christ Child.

Source of Giving

Giving gifts at the Yuletide season has many precedents. In the years before Christ, Romans gave branches of laurel, olive and myrtle to each other at the Saturnalia, a pagan festival that occurred about the same time as the present date of Christmas. In England and Northern Europe, Druid worshippers tied gifts on trees during the Yule festival held at the winter solstice.

Roman emperors often demanded Yule gifts of clothing, gold and silver from their subjects, and so did the kings and queens of medieval England. It is said that Queen Elizabeth I gained most of her wardrobe through these compulsory gifts.

In later years the idea of giving in a spirit of kind-hearted generosity developed.

Santa Gets His Garb From Poem, Cartoon

Santa first appeared in his now-traditional guise as a plump, jovial, white-bearded and pipe-smoking old gentleman — "a right jolly old elf" — in the poem, "A Visit from St. Nicholas," written by Dr. Clement C. Moore in 1822.

Earlier, "Santeclaus" had been pictured dressed as a bishop, in a book called "The Children's Friend," and in Washington Irving's "Knickerbocker History of New York," published in 1809, Santa was said to wear a broad-brimmed hat and huge breeches.

Even Dr. Moore's poem did not, apparently, clothe Santa in a red suit. "He was dressed all in fur from his head to his foot," says the poem.

Santa as he looks today was first sketched by Cartoonist Thomas Nast, in 1869. The cartoon showed Santa in his familiar red garb, smoking a pipe.

It's an Old Custom

Festive wreaths and garlands made of evergreens, cones and herbs are, nowadays, closely linked to the celebration of Christmas. The custom of making such garlands for gala occasions actually dates back to the ancient Egyptians, a thousand or more years before the birth of Christ.

Warding Off Witches Led to Candy Canes

One of the most popular symbols of the Christmas holidays, candy canes, began with an old superstition during the Middle Ages. Europeans of that period carried glass canes filled with colored candies to distract evil witches.

Belief was that the evil ones become so interested in sorting the candies that casting of evil spells was forgotten, reports the Candy, Chocolate and Confectionery Institute.

The Christmas I Never Forgot

Norman Vincent Peale
in the Globe-Democrat

At Christmastime I always think of my father for he taught me a great truth that has added much joy to my life. It was that the way you think about people, how you treat them and react to them, is extremely important to your own happiness.

"To treat each man as a child of God is the big secret of happy living," he said. "Hold him in esteem and it will make him and you happy."

One Christmas Eve, when I was a very young boy, I was out with my father doing some late Christmas shopping in our home town of Cincinnati. My father had as big a heart as any man I ever knew. It made no difference who a person was, he loved and talked with them all. And he was an extremely happy man. He had respect and esteem for every person. He saw beneath their exteriors, not as they appeared to be, but rather as they really were. And he had sharp insight, too. He knew people.

On this occasion I was loaded down with packages and must have felt tired and irritable. I was thinking how good it would be to get home when a beggar, a blearyeyed, unshaved, dirty old man came up to me, touched my hand with his and asked for money. I recoiled from his soiled hand and rather impatiently brushed him aside.

"You shouldn't treat a man that way, Norman," said my father as soon as we were out of earshot.

"But, Dad, he's nothing but a bum."

"Bum?" he said. "There is no such thing as a bum. He is a child of God. Maybe he hasn't made the most of himself, but he is a child of God, nonetheless. We must look upon a man with esteem. Now, I want you to go and give him this." My father pulled out of his pocketbook and handed me a dollar. That was a lot for his means. "And do exactly the way I tell you. Go up to him, hand him this dollar and speak to him with respect. Tell him you are giving him this dollar in the name of Christ."

"Oh," I objected, "I don't want to say that."

My father insisted. "Go and do as I tell you."

So I ran after the old man, caught up with him and said, "Excuse me, sir, I give you this dollar in the name of Christ."

The old man looked at me in absolute surprise. Then a wonderful smile spread over his face--a smile that made me forget he was dirty and unshave. I could see his real face through the streaks of grime. His essential nobility came out. Graciously, with a sort of bow, he said, "I thank you, young sir, in the name of Christ."

I remember that my irritation and annoyance faded like magic. And suddenly I was happy, deeply happy. The very street seemed beautiful. In fact, I believe at that moment I actually held that man in full and complete esteem, and it made Christmas an unforgettable and memorable day. Since then I have made every effort to see people as my father saw them.

And that has brought untold satisfaction. I have often returned to the exact spot where this incident took place, on Fourth Street in Cincinnati.

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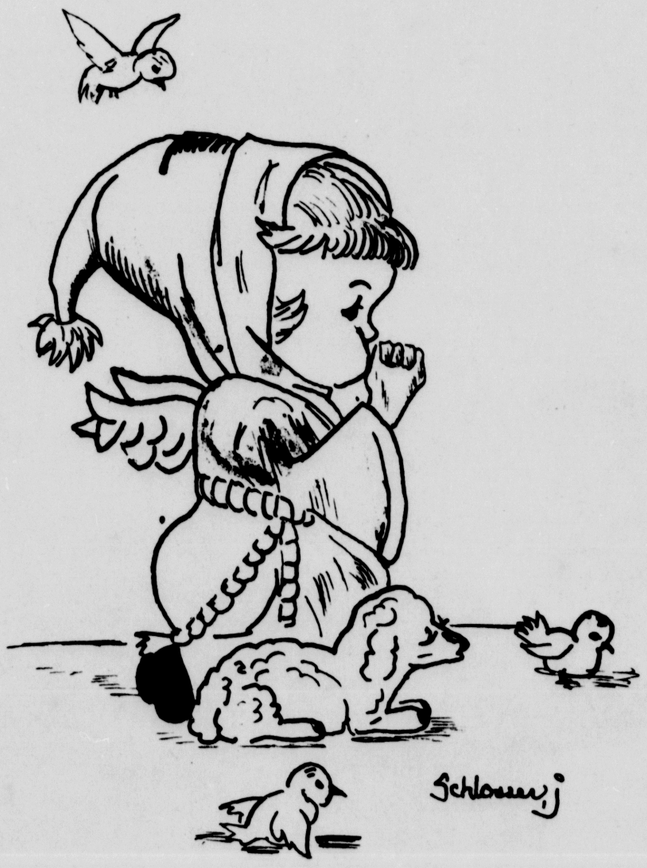

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Once Again Christmas

LOUIS LA COGS In
The Globe-Democrat

It is here again -- Christmas! There must be some of us who cannot join to the full in the joyous festivities that area a tradition with the greatest of all holidays. Within the year we all have seen dear ones depart and we cannot fight off the sadness of the vacant chair, the void that Noel and Adeste Fideles cannot fill.

So we veto the holiday and withdraw from its joy. We selfishly propose to treat Christmas as "just another day." This may not be the correct attitude, but that's the way it is.

But, if "Merry Christmas" has a hollow sound this year to some, it was not always such within my memory. I came from a family where togetherness was everything. It was a year-around situation. We called it a "footity" -- a reunion -- but it was held at any time and without excuse. We just gathered around and talked and sang and ate chicken and dumplings and had a good time.

Christmas was something special. It started just after Thanksgiving, which curiously, was never a "footity" occasion for us and went right into the first of the year. We never celebrated New Year's Eve or Day -- I suppose we were all too tired after the strenuous Christmas holiday.

Wherever the "footity" was held, there was a Christmas tree. I shudder now to think about it, the fire hazard involved. It was always tall, reaching to the ceiling and frequently bending over. It was an evergreen dug out of the adjacent hills.

It was festooned with ribbons and stringed popcorn and cranberries, and, most important, flowing strands of cotton.

But the danger was that these gay contributions to the holiday season were inflammable because dotting the tree were candles. These are not candles such as we have today -- candles that light with the press of a button and glow with the fierce intensity of kilowatt devotion. They were just ordinary candles, made from wax and parafin. The trouble was they burned.

For good reason Uncle Gus was named Fire Chief for the day. He assembled buckets filled with water and in solemn fashion instructed us all how to perform in the event of an emergency. Fortunately there was never a fire and the clan was never immolated on a Santa Claus pyre. I still can't understand how we escaped.

In a column several years ago, I described the last "footity" celebrated by the family which then numbered upwards of 50, what with new babies and sundry in-laws. Too many for any of our homes to accommodate, so it was decided to forget the "footity" idea.

Then came a fortuitous development. Uncle Frank bought a farm near town and for reasons known only to him decided to move in immediately. This meant that his house in town would be vacant at Christmas time. Presto: The problem was solved. A "footity" would be held in the vacant house -- a last fling by the clan, a hilarious salute to end the chapter.

When Uncle Frank moved his household effects to the farm, he left the kitchen range, a couple of heating stoves and several chairs. He brought a load of straw which he toted upstairs and spread on the floor. The kids were to bed down there, the less hardy folks being accommodated elsewhere in the town. And it was cold up there!

For the festive table, long boards were placed on wooden horses. The procession started in the dining room, led thru the living room and front parlor and ended in a bedroom. For the first time in many years there was to be no "second table" -- the table for the kids. All were to eat at the same time. For chairs, benches were built around the entire extension of the table.

Came Christmas dawn and a skimpy breakfast, because the women folks were getting the dinner underway. Turkeys and two geese -- all of us were good eaters and there wasn't an ulcer in the bunch -- had been prepared for the oven the night before.

A bushel or so of potatoes had been made ready for the pot. Vegetables were pared and washed. A huge mound of dressing with its proper quota of sage was ready for stuffing.

Around 9 o'clock the country folks began to arrive. They had started long before daylight. Traveling 12 miles over Kansas roads in those days was no simple operation; automobiles were still Henry Ford's secret. From their wagons came supplementary food.

The scene was one of happy confusion as "Merry Christmas" was shouted all over the place. There were hugs and kisses by those who had been together only the night before. Squealing kids ran helter-skelter-kept under a semblance of discipline by a few well placed pflutzes, which is clan parlance for a slap.

Uncle John appeared with the bronchial cough which was his chronic affliction on Sundays and holidays, an ailment that could be relieved only by a nip -- and this sometimes posed a problem in "dry" Kansas.

Then came dinner, a picture of hunger being sated by happy people. Although it was mid-afternoon, blankets were hung across the windows to darken the room and give the lighted candles the proper effect.

There were gifts for all -- it didn't take much then to make a child happy. After the tree was stripped, there was a time for story telling by the older folks, stories of pioneering days in Kansas by a family from Erie, Pa., who joined a German migration to the west under the newly enacted Homestead Act.

I have always been curious why my grandfather chose a farm in the flint hills of Kansas when he had the entire west for a location. But that he did and scratched out a precarious living and educated a family of nine children.

My mother frequently told of riding to town a dozen miles away behind a yoke of oxen, and being lost for an entire night on the prairie was one of her adventures.

So, Christmas Day was ended, another memory I have to add to the many happy ones I have of my childhood. Long since has the "footity" ceased to function but I believe it was a part of American when family life was an institution that had not been dissipated by what some say today is Progress Toward a Better Way of Life. I'll take the old kind.

I wonder how many million Christmas trees will be sold this holiday. I passed a store the other day and probably 200 of them were on a lot waiting for customers. Some folks make a living merely growing them for market. We even have artificial ones, another manifestation of the modernity that invests everything we do today.

Christmas trees, I discovered, are ancient in their origin. Things of the sort were in vogue long before the advent of Christianity. The Egyptians celebrated the winter solstice by hanging green date palms in their homes as a symbol of "life triumphant over death." The Romans observed the feast of Saturn in December and evergreen boughs were part of the ceremony.

In Britain and Ireland sprigs of evergreen were hung over the front door to frighten away witches and evil spirits. The Druids, a religious organization in ancient Gaul, also used evergreens, and Oriental literature contains references to their use among the Persians and Hebrews.

But it was in Germany that the Christmas tree was "invented." First it was used as a stage prop in the prevalent mystery plays, a popular theme being Adam and Eve and the forbidden fruit. By some it was called the Paradise Tree and was decorated with fruit in season, but later home-baked cookies in varying shapes were added and then flowers, tinseled angels and the figures of men and animals.

Later the tree had a religious significance and Christmas Eve was the time when it was set up as the ornamental sign of Christ.

Hessian soldiers employed by the British in the Revolutionary War brought the Christbaum custom across the Atlantic, first to Rhode Island, but for a long time the lighted trees were banned by law in some states. In at least one New England state, persons celebrating the holiday could be and were fined.

Christmas Meditation

A Soldier Is Born

"On earth peace, good will toward men"
—Luke 2:14

At this Christmas 1965, American soldiers scattered throughout a troubled world pause to remember the birth of another Soldier of long ago—the world's Prince of Peace.

This Soldier fought not with rockets, missiles, or guns. Love, good will, and understanding were his weapons.

He put on the armor of God and conquered a world by winning the hearts of man. He replaced despair with hope, loved even his enemies, and upheld the dignity of each human being. Yet he remained firm in his convictions and steadfast in his purpose—even in the face of death.

He did not make us a gift of everlasting peace, but rather established peace and good will toward men as the noblest aim of mankind.

And throughout the ages, man has found comfort in His example. His unconquerable Spirit inspired our co and ragged soldiers as they prepared for battle at Trenton on that fateful Christmas Eve in 1776. His indomitable Will encouraged and strengthened our soldiers in the Ardennes, on the road to Bataan, and as they stemmed the Chinese offensive in Korea.

Is it not meet then, that the thoughts of our soldiers return now to that manger in Bethlehem? There is the origin of their strength, inspiration, and hope—where the angelic voices resounded over the Judean hills on that first Christmas morning: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace . . ." (ANF)

Writing 'A Christmas Carol'

FRANKLIN WINTERS IN
The Optimist Magazine

"I am sure I have always thought of Christmas time . . . as a good time; a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time; the only time I know of, in the long calendar of the year, when men and women seem by one consent to open their shut-up hearts freely, and to think of people below them as if they really were fellow-travelers to the grave, and not another race of creatures bound on other journeys."

No need to tell where the above quotation originated! It comes from the most beloved Christmas story that has ever been written. . .A Christmas Carol by the immortal Charles Dickens. The words, which will echo in millions of hearts throughout the world this season, are spoken to Scrooge by his well-meaning nephew before that remarkable procession of ghosts transformed the crabby, tight-fisted miser into a genial and generous mortal.

Although millions will be renewing their acquaintance with this unique tale, few are aware of the background for its inspiration. How did it come to be written?

It was early October of 1843. Charles Dickens had just returned to England from his first trip to America. Being no idler, he was already driving himself hard on his long novel, "Martin Chuzzlewit," but he grew tired and bored with creating a character of inhuman greed. He decided that a diversion was in order. . .a shorter tale with an entirely different type of characters. . .a story which would have its own special glow of happiness. Christmas was only a few short months away and that, decided Dickens, would be his subject.

The germ of the plot had come to him while he was in Manchester taking part in the opening ceremonies of that city's new library, but he did not start putting the story down on paper until he returned to his imposing home at No. 1 Devonshire Terrace in London. Dickens had always looked forward eagerly to the Yuletide season. Its gaiety and gift-giving enraptured him.

Once he had settled himself to the task, Dickens worked without letup. As with his other creations, he literally lived so close to his new gallery of brain children that others frequently questioned his sanity. In a letter to a friend he admitted that he "wept, and laughted, and wept again" and excited himself "in a most extraordinary manner."

He told another friend, Sir Edward Bulwer Lytton, that he "never left home before the owls went out and led quite a solitary life." His only relaxation while he wrote his little Carol," as he affectionately called it, consisted of long walks about London. . . late at night "when all the sober folks had gone to bed." But as he wandered those black streets, his new characters walked with him.

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Christian Visitors Seek Church of Nativity For Three Celebrations of Christmas

Pilgrimage to Bethlehem is for thousands of Christians each year the focal point of the religious observance of Christmas. Visitors of many faiths make the trip to Bethlehem, now a part of Jordan, to the Church of the Nativity above the Grotto of the Nativity where Christ was born.

The manger so familiar to all who know the Christmas story was an improvised stable in a cave hewn out of rock, near the center of the hill town of Bethlehem.

Christmas is observed three times at Bethlehem, and for each observance the Mandelbaum Gate between the Israel and Arab sectors of Jerusalem is opened to admit the Christian pilgrims.

Roman Catholic, Greek Orthodox and Armenian denominations share the Church of the Nativity. Roman Catholic churches begin the Christmas celebrations with masses on Christmas Eve, December 25.

Eastern churches observe Christ's birth in January. For the Greek Orthodox churches, which still follow the old Julian calendar, Holy Night is January 6, Christmas Day January 7. Armenian churches celebrate both Christmas and Epiphany on January 19.

Those of the Protestant faiths gather in Shepherds Fields, the nearby site where, according to tradition, the shepherds heard the angel of the Lord come to tell of the Nativity.

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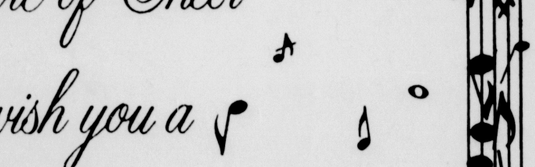

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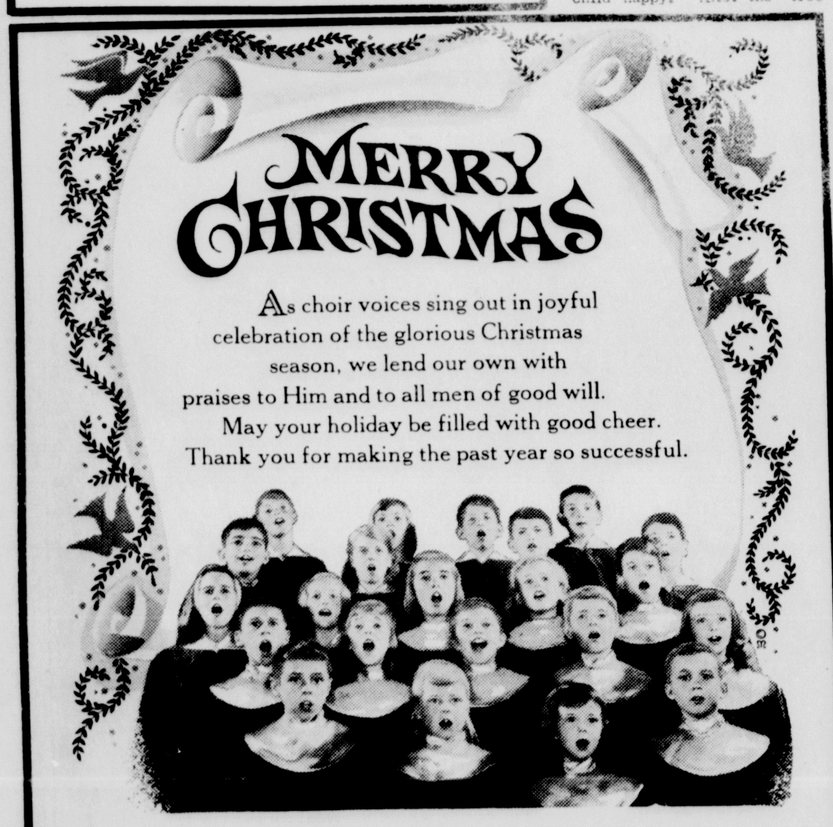

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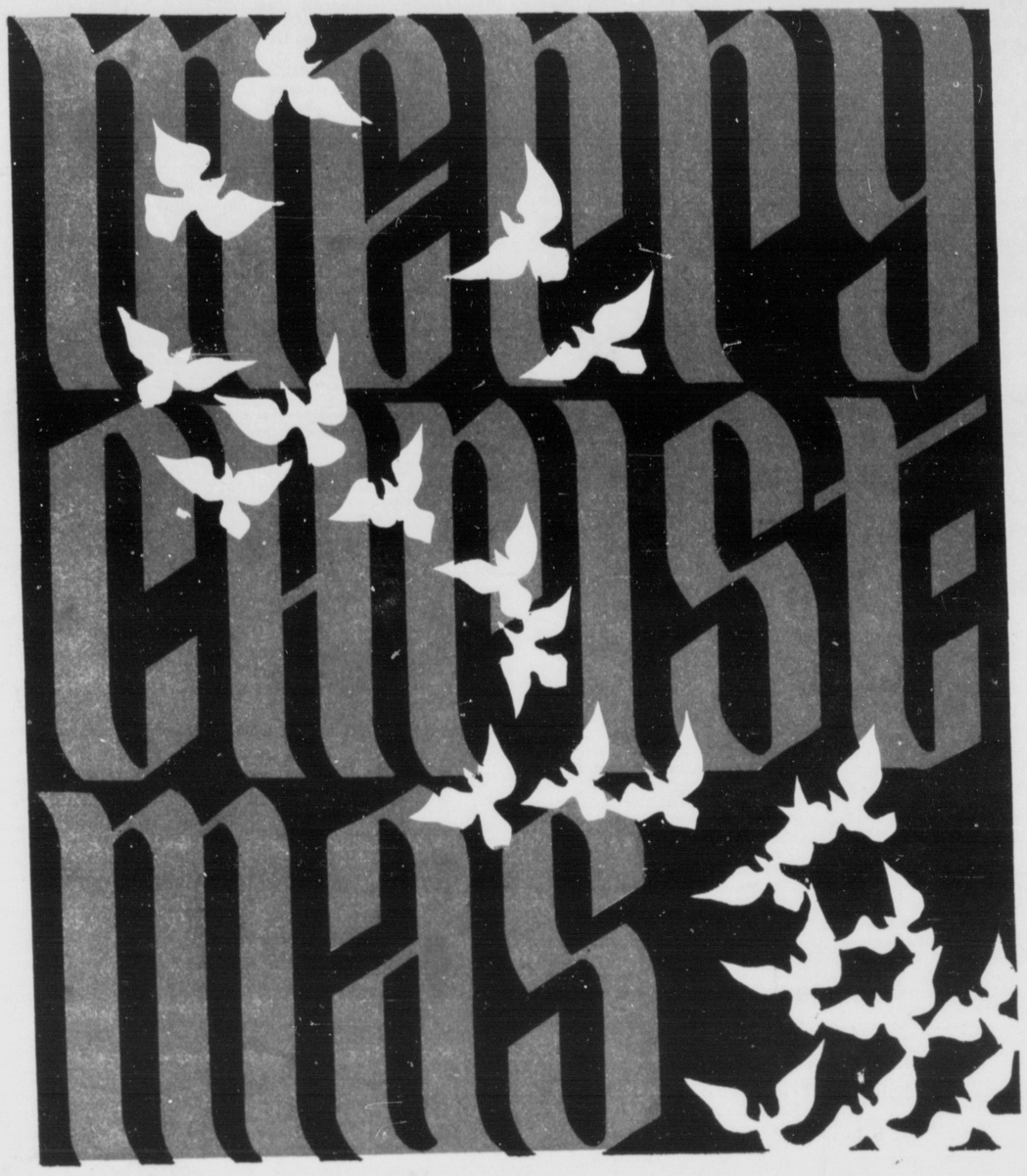
Prince of Peace; Nixon travels on two roads to peace in Vietnam; Trouble is brewing in Middle East and in Korea.



Santa Claus Has Sleigh En Route

By HAL BOYLE

NORTH POLE (AP) — He's off!

Santa Claus in on his way at last!

The jolly old Saint and his favorite reindeer are zooming through the arctic skies right now, heading for the American border. He'll reach it tonight.

The northern lights switched on to a clear, steady green—the "go ahead" signal. And the Royal Canadian Mounted Police sent Santa this message:

"We are clearing all air lanes in your path, old boy. There is no speed limit for you tonight. The sky is yours. Go as fast as you like. Good Luck!"

And Santa needed that wide, clear road in the sky. For his big red sled was packed so full of gifts it overflowed. It looked like a hay rack zooming through the crisp air.

"Oh dear, oh dear," worried Santa, just before the takeoff. "I do hope none of these presents falls out and beans some poor innocent for this must be the heaviest load I've had in twenty years."

"What is it he is fretting about?" whispered Donder to Vixen. "He's only riding that sled. We have to pull it."

Vixen laughed so hard the bells on her harness tinkled in merry music. And all the other reindeer laughed, too.

As Santa climbed up into the seat of the sled, puffing a little because he has gained some weight this winter, three black and white penguins waddled across the snow in front of the reindeer.

"Here, here, get out of the way, please," said Santa Claus importantly. Then he said, surprised:

"Why, what are you penguins doing up at the North Pole anyway? You're supposed to be at the South Pole."

"We're on a vacation," said one of the penguins. "We're looking for Florida. Have you seen it anywhere?"

"Climb aboard, climb aboard," boomed Santa. "I'll drop you off there. But I must say this is the first time I ever picked up three hitchhickers wearing tuxedoes."

Just then, Mrs. Santa Claus came running out waving a long piece of paper.

"You almost forgot your list of good children," she said.

"Never mind," said Santa. "I don't need it. This year I am going to give a present to every little boy and girl, good or bad. The bad ones will feel sorry then, because they know they don't deserve a nice present. It'll make 'em try harder to be good next year."

"That isn't according to Hoyle," said Mrs. Claus, who likes to play bridge. "But it does make sense, you old softie."

Santa stood up to crack his whip in the air—the signal to be off. But he heard a small voice crying:

"Wait, please wait."

It was Cluny, Santa's favorite little elf. The other elves gossiped about Cluny and said she was clumsy at making toys. But Santa knew it was only because she was so young. He liked her because she had a good heart.

"Here," said the tiny elf, holding up a small, shiny figure.

"What's this, what's this," grumbled Santa. "You're too late. My pack is already loaded."

"It is only my present to the world," said Cluny. "I made it at night in my room—all by myself."

Santa took the little figure from her hands. It was a beautiful angel with butterfly wings and a robe of purest white. In her hand the angel held a small magic wand.

"It is the angel of peace," explained Cluny.

"Why, Cluny," said Santa, "this is better than all the other gifts put together. I'll see that your angel waves her wand for one day at least over every home in the land."

And he picked up Cluny and gave her a big whisker-tickly kiss on her cheek. Then he picked up his long whip again and cracked it sharply in the frosty air.

"Ho, ho, ho, here we go!" he roared. "Ho, ho, ho, here we go!"

The eight reindeer leaped forward and the big sled began sliding through the snow. Faster, faster, faster, faster—and then they were off the ground and into the air.

Santa was on his way. And tonight, if you go to bed, he will come to your house, wherever your are.

1000 Farmers Sign Allotment Protest

More than 1,000 Pemiscot County cotton farmers have joined in a strongly - worded protest to the Missouri ASCS Committee over what they consider to be discriminatory treatment in the setting of their 1970 projected cotton yields.

After all appeals for adjustments by the Pemiscot County ASCS were turned down by the state group. Pemiscot farmers took matters in their own hands and circulated a petition of protest which in a period of less than two days was signed by 1,076 cotton farmers.

The protest pointed ut that after the Washington office of the ASCS had computed each county's pro- rata share of the national projected cotton yield, the Missouri ASCS Committee cut the yield for Pemiscot County by 15 pounds per acre while raising the yield for New Madrid County, home of Barry Richardson of Portageville, Southeast Missouri member of the Missouri ASCS Committee, by 20 pounds per acre.

The protest further charged that the Missouri ASCS Committee singled out Pemiscot County for a cut in yields of eight pounds per acre below the county's 10- year average of actual yields - the only major cotton county in Missouri to be reduced below an average of actual yields.

Target of the protest is Richardson, who operates some 2,500 acres of cotton land in New Madrid County. At least two townships in New Madrid County - Portage and Lesieur — also received yield reductions, with the increases being distributed in other townships within New Madrid County. Such projected yield shifts amount to thousands of dollars for large landowners.

Weather

Chance of rain early tonight, early Thursday. Clearing and cool again. High today in 40s, low tonight around 30 degrees. Probability for measuring precipitation today 20 per cent, tonight 30 per cent, and Thursday 10 per cent.

The high and low temperatures for the 24-hour period ending Wednesday at 7:30 a.m. were 39 and 26 degrees, with no precipitation.

Sunset today.....4:47 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow.....7:10 a.m.
Moonrise tonight.....5:32 p.m.
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Sirus rises.....7:23 p.m.
Betelgeuse high above Sirius. The Big Dipper rising in the ortheast at midnight.

Spies Use Swiss Banks For Intelligence Funds

By JEAN HELLER
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON AP - The Defense Department has evidenced that secret Swiss bank accounts have been used to cloak payoffs to American military personnel who supplies U. S. intelligence information to foreign powers.

Defense Department representatives, it was learned, were to testify to that fact at a House Banking Committee hearing Dec. 12 on a bill aimed at halting the illegal use of secret foreign bank accounts by U. S. citizens.

The hearing was postponed until sometime next year, but committee members received an advance copy of the formal department testimony before the postponement. The testimony said, among other things, that the Defense Department was in "complete accord" with the secret foreign bank account bill.

"Foreign numbered accounts pose a security threat to the Department of Defense in that they may be used to support foreign agents targeted against the military establishment or they may be used to conceal payments to U. S. personal recruited by foreign intelligence services," the testimony said.

The Defense Department representative testified further that the Pentagon officials would cooperated fully with the Treasury Department in enforcing the secret foreign bank account bill after its enactment. They may never get the chance.

Even as the Defense Department testimony was being drafted, the Nixon administration, led by the Treasury Department, was backing down from its support for the bill. It was under pressure from domestic and foreign banking leaders who objected to the stringent new record-keeping practices provided for in the measure.

The House Banking Committee, chaired by Rep. Wright Patman, D-Tex., held a day of hearings on secret foreign bank accounts late last year. It was disclosed at that time that the accounts are used to cloak hundreds of millions of dollars in tax evasions and frauds every year.

Patman and other committee members began drafting legislation - with the help of Nixon administration officials - to curb the practice.

Assured of administration support for the measure, Patman began hearings Dec. 4. His two witnesses that day were Will Wilson, assistant attorney general in charge of the criminal division, and Robert M. Morgenthau, U. S. attorney for the southern district of New York, a man who broke several foregin bank account fraud cases.

Both testified in favor of the bill, with Wilson stating unequivocally, "That is correct," when asked point - blank if the Justice Department wanted enactment of the bill.

Magistrate Levies Heavy Fine

NEW MADRID - Louis Recker, Portageville, pleaded guilty Tuesday in magistrate court to a charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor. Judge Leo Hedgepeth imposed find and costs totaling $520 against Recker, but stayed $475 pending good behavior.

Judge Hedgepeth assessed total fines and costs of $682 against J.E. Ulmer on two separate charges of operating an overweight vehicle. He was fined $370 on a charge of overweight vehicle of 4,250 pounds and $312 on overweight vehicle of 3,670 pounds.

Fine and costs of $87 were assessed Commercial Transport for operating overweight vehicle of 1,420 pounds.

Charged with careless and imprudent driving, failure to exercise highest degree of care, Roger Lee Jaynes was fined $25; Richard Eugene Bodi J. forfeited $25 bond on a similar charge.

J.W. Reed was fined $20 on a careless and imprudent driving, following too closely, charge. The same amount was paid by Eddie Garfield Barnett, charged with careless and reckless driving, and having no vehicle license.

Donald Gene Wells, charged with careless and imprudent driving, and a Missouri resident using out - of - state care license, was assessed $20 fine.

Gary Wayne Stallings and Stephen Richard Hulshof, each charged with careless and imprudent driving, failure to stop at stop sign, were fined $15.

Fines of $15 each were imposed against Jerrie Ruth Patterson, charged with careless and imprudent driving, failure to stop at through highway; and Stephen Andrew Eftink, charged with careless and imprudent driving.

Three $50 bonds posted for speeding charges were forfeited by Albert C. Pampkin; Edward L. Curb; and Barbara J. Price. Other bonds forfeited for speeding include George Hill, $35; Thomas Collins Jenkins. George Edward Clark, and Louis S. Hall, $30 each.

Charged with speeding and paying fines were Maurice A. Thomas, $50; Oscar Nathaniel Rector, $25; and Elvin Eugene Polk, $20.

Fines of $25 each were paid by Clayton Dale Counts, charged with common assault; and William Earl Hopkins, charged with failure to cover or secure load.

Wright Tree Service and Charles Martell White each were assessed $15 fine on an improper registration charge; and Parma Lumber Company paid $11 fine on a similar charge.

Fines of $15 each were levied against James Dale Kennedy, charged with driving with expired vehicle license; Donald Wayne Slayton, driving while unlicensed operator.

Roy Carroll, failure to comply with restriction on operator license, restricted to glasses and outside mirror; Rawick Mfg. Co., defective brakes; and James Eugene Dranke, improper exhaust system.

Judgment of $650.70 was awareded Robinson Wholesale Builders Supply in a civil suit against Fuller Builders Supply Co.

Three Women Injured In Two Car Accidents

Three area persons were injured in highway accidents Tuesday.

An accident Tuesday at 1:15 p.m. in East Prairie, sent Mrs. Sarah Maetheany, 73, to the doctor in East Prairie for minor injuries. The accident occurred at the Shelby and Powers Streets intersection.

She was a passenger in a 1960 Ford driven by her husband Hazie Maetheany, 76, East Prairie. Maetheany made a left turn into path of a 1964 Ford driven by Jimmy Wallace, 19, East Prairie. The two cars struck headon.

Maetheany was given a summons for careless and imprudent driving.

Two persons were injured in an accident Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. on route PP, six miles west of Poplar Bluff.

A 1967 Pontiac driven by Sally Ann Bodine, 17, Poplar Bluff, went out of control at excessive speed. The patrol said, the car ran off the left side of the road and struck a tree.

The driver had cuts on her head, and a passenger, Geneva Henthorne, 15, route one, Poplar Bluff, received minor cuts on the face.

Both were taken to Doctors hospital in Poplar Bluff.

Miss Bodine was given a summons for careless and imprudent driving and excessive speed.

Collector Takes Issue With Bonding Demand

BENTON - Scott County Collector Aubrey Michael took issue with the county court in an interview this morning regarding the court's order for him to increase his bond coverage to $750,000.

Michael said his bond coverage presently totals about $450,000, not $200,000, which was originally reported.

Prosecuting Attorney Tom Gilmore said the $750,000 is the maximum required by law and the present bond coverage was based on the collector making daily deposits, which he said has not been done. Gilmore said because of this the court has the right to demand additional bond coverage.

"The demand is unjust. They (the court members) haven't been exactly just," Michael said without elaboration.

Michael explained he has been making daily bank deposits with police escort from the Sikeston branch office in the city administration building, and he said he makes nightly bank deposits of money collected in the Benton office during the day.

"Hell, I don't want any money laying around the office. If any is lost, I am the one who has to come with it. No one can lose but me," the collector said.

Michael's office has been under investigation since Dec. 8 when an armed robbery was reported by deputy collector J. W. Shuffit. Authorities claim about $50,000 is missing from the office since Nov. 1, but whether any or all of the reported shortage was involved in the reported armed robbery has not been disclosed.

Michael has said he has sufficient bond coverage to cover any shortage. Michael said he would be indebted to the bonding companies for the shortage. "I'm the one who would lose," the collector said.

Gilmore said Monday he would reach a decision about issuing any warrants in connection with the case by today. He said probably the warrants would involve the handling of money only and probably would be misdemeanor charges, if issued.

SIX FOOD AND CLOTHING boxes were sent to area families for Christmas by the Altar Guild of Concordia Lutheran church. From left are Mrs. Fred Geske, Scott Reynolds, Jeanna Payne, Mrs. Jim Payne and Mrs. Herold Lohrmann.

Six Emergencies

Six emergencies were treated in Missouri Delta Community hospital Tuesday. William R. Bennett, Sikeston, car accident; Lance Douglas Chadd, Sikeston, fell off bed hitting head on floor; Carl D. Tackett, Morehouse, slammed box car door on middle finger; Alonzo Harris Jr. of Sikeston was hit by a car; Phillip J. Sullivan, East Prairie, car accident; Mickey T. Skelton, Charleston, cut thumb on broken glass.

Parking Lot Wreck

At the Mid-Town Village parking lot at 10:36 a.m. yesterday, a 1969 Chevrolet driven by Joseph Lee Huff, 44, 4820 Exall Lane, Paducah, Ky. collided with a 1964 Mercury driven by Reva Janette Johnson, 30, 316 Greer.

The Chevrolet was damaged on the left rear panel.

Holman Issues School Funds

BENTON - Hess Porter, Scott County treasurer, has received a $567,106 check from Haskel Holman, state auditor, for the second annual payment due school districts of the county for the school year 1969-70.

The districts received the following amounts: R-1, Illmo-Scott City, $68,911; R-2, Chaffee, $50,891; R-3, Oran, $38,894; R-4, Kelly, $40,779;

R-5, Scott Central, $51,608; R-6, Sikeston, $303,046; and C-7, Kelso - New Hamburg, $12,977.

Marine aviation units first served in the Pacific in 1921, when 100 officers and enlisted men performed outpost duty on Guam. They flew patroles in seaplanes from Guam for almost ten year.

Car-Truck Collide

Yesterday at 1:16 p.m. at E. Malone and Lillian Dr., a 1964 Chevrolet pick- up driven by William R. Bennett, 56, 848 Linn, ran into a 1964 Ford driven by Phillip Joel Sullivan, 19, route one, East Prairie.

Linda Sullivan, 16, route one, East Prairie, a passenger in the Ford, was injured in the left eye. Phillip J. Sullivan Jr., 3 weeks old, also a passenger in the Ford, was injured along with the driver, Phillip Joel, who was injured on the forehead and knees. William Bennett was given an x-ray check-up at the Missouri Delta Community Hospital where the others received treatment.

Bennett was arrested for careless driving, police said.

The pick-up was damaged on the right front end. The Ford was damaged on the right front center.

Four Arrested

CHARLESTON — The Charleston police department reports four arrests Tuesday. Sarah J. Marshall, 17, was charged with careless and reckless driving. Bobby Williford, 25, of East Prairie and Lawrence Gier, 47, Charleston were both charged with public intoxication. James Williford, 33, East Prairie, was charged with driving while intoxicated.

One Dexter Arrest

DEXTR - Alfred Ewing of 819 North Mulbury was arrested for drunken driving this morning, police said. He was fined $30.

Police also arrested Glarge Ray Marris of Dexter for being drunk and disorderly yesterday. He received a fine of $20.

What Is Christmas

What is Christmas? Well my sons, it's a lot of things.

It's gaiety and bustle. It's joy and hope. It's Santa Claus and sleigh bells. Its carols and carolers. It's giving and receiving. It's family and friends. It's baking and decorating. It's love and loving.

It's many different things to many different people, but there's one thing it is to everyone, and how can I best show you my sons, who live in such a modern, mechanized, unbelieving era?

How can I best explain to you a simple miracle- you, who live in an age of complicated, everyday miracles?

How can I make you understand Christmas?

How best can I contrast a car loaded down with presents hurtling along a super highway system on a brisk afternoon, with a small burro trudging slowly through the warm dessert sands carrying only a woman heavy with child?

How best explain the reasons this woman and her husband were fleeing their home, where dwelled a wicked ruler, who was having all the male children murdered, without making it sound like a Saturday evening television program, or can you, my sons ever picture in your minds the difference between our lovely and plentiful hotel rooms with the lowly stable this young couple were forced to rest in; or imagine a mother giving birth to a child in a manger surrounded only by farm animals, instead of in an immaculate hospital surrounded by doctors?

Can I truly have you watch with half- closed eyes the glowing ornaments on our tree until they fuse and merge into a great Star shining out of the East over a poor humble dwelling, wherein lies a young Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, who was this day born to suffer for our sins that we might be forgiven and live for all eternity?

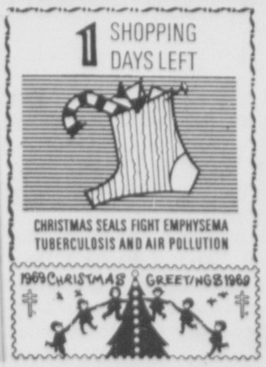
Can I ever make you see the difference? Can I ever make you understand?

What is Christmas really?

Why it's truly only one thing my sons, it's the birthday of a King.

No Standard On Christmas

There will not be a publication of The Daily Standard tomorrow in observance of Christmas. The office will be closed.



Dexter Boy Killed When Gun Bursts

DEXTER — Lee Lusk, 14, son of Dewey Lusk of 308 Crane St., Dexter, and Mrs. Louise Ritch, St. Louis, died enroute to Barnes Hospital in St. Louis yesterday as a result of a shotgun wound. He was born July 23, 1955 at Poplar Bluff. He was a freshman at Dexter High School.

The boy was trying out a new shotgun yesterday morning at Dexter when the mud-jammed barrel burst.

Sgt. Jack Pritchard of the Highway Patrol reported the Lusk boy, accompanied by a brother and a cousin, went to the Hollis Montgomery farm at the southeast edge of Dexter about 9 a.m. to try the new gun. The gun's muzzle jabbed the ground and became clogged with mud.

Against the advice of his companions, the Lusk boy attempted to shoot the mud out of the gun barrel, but the weapon exploded, Sgt. Pritchard reported. The youth received severe head injuries and was transported from the field to a near-by road in Montgomery's pickup truck. A Rainey Funeral Home ambulance took the boy to Dexter Memorial Hospital.

Survivors include his father, Dewey, of Dexter; his mother, Mrs. Louise Ritch of St. Louis; one brother Billy Gene of the home; one sister, Sherry, of St. Louis; two half- brothers, Edward and Danny, both of Dexter; his step- mother, Mrs. Dewey Lusk of the home; six step- brothers; five step-sisters; maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Plunk of Dexter; paternal grandmother, Bea Forrest of Poplar Bluff; and maternal great grandfather, George Plunk of Birmingham, Ala.

Friends may call after 11 a.m. Thursday. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Friday at the Watkins and Sons Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Doyle Corlew of Essex officiating.

Burial will be at the Piggott Cemetery in Piggott, Ark.

Woman Wounded With Shotgun

MALDEN — Mrs. Mildred Beaird suffered shotgun wounds in the lower part of both legs Monday night, when a blast from a shotgun was fired through the kitchen window of the Beaird home at 208 E. Laclede. The shooting took place at 9:10 p.m.

According to Chief of Police Bob dockins and Deputy Sheriff Bob McDonald, Mrs. Beaird was at home with her husband, Earl Beaird, when the shot came through the window on the north side of the house. Several pellets hit a book case in he room,and it was estimated that between 20-30 pellets struck Mrs. Beaird in the lower part of both legs. The police was summoned by Beaird after the shooting.

The local authorites went into swift action and by 9:30 p.m. an arrest was made in the shooting.

Arrested was Billy Beaird, 28, a half- brother to Earl Beaird, who residents with Mildred Beaird's mother in Malden.

War Prisoners' Letters Bring Tears of Joy

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cards or letters from 131 American prisoners of war in North Vietnam have brought tears of joy in homes around the nation. Some families learned for the first time that their men were alive and well.

The four children of Maj. Donald Odell had gone out Christmas caroling in Mount Clemens, Mich., Tuesday but quit because of the bitter cold. Then came word that their father, missing for 26 months, was reported alive and well.

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Wednesday, December 24, 1969. It's going to be pretty much like yesterday, only different.

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Thursday, December 25. Christmas Day.

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POOR CHARLIE SAYS!

Thursday will be the 56th Christmas that I have spent in Sikeston. Nostalgia could take over as I think back over the years but suffice is to say that Sikeston and Semo have been good to me -- far beyond my just deserts. I appreciate the many friends and neighbors here who have seen fit to put up with me for these long years.

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TWO THOUSAND YEARS OF CHRISTMAS

Last year at this time, a message of peace and hope was beamed to mankind from beyond the earth.

In terms of the vastness of space, the message did not come very far - from next door, really. This was the Christmas greeting from the three astronauts of Apollo 9 as they circled earth's nearest neighbor.

We have witnessed two more historic accomplishments since then - in July, when the first men trod upon the surface of the moon, and again last month when two more astronauts took the first moon "hike." There will be other, even more amazing feats in years to come, for man's adventure in space is only beginning.

But long, long before men seriously considered traveling beyond this planet - for some 2,000 years, in fact - the most stupendous "space spectacular" of all time has been the annual reappearance of the Christmas Star in the minds and hearts of humankind.

No one can say how far the inward - seen radiance of this Star travels, or from what distance its unchanging message comes.

It traverses the universe; yet it is as close as one hand touching another. It is as mysterious and ineffable as the meaning of life itself; yet it is as familiar and uncomplicated as the expression on a child's face as he opens a package under the tree.

The light, and the message, dim and disappear at other seasons of the year. Even at Christmastime, as we grow older, we sometimes have trouble perceiving them. The commercial din, the hectic crowds, the rush - rush and spend - spend - all in the name of Christmas - can too easily be allowed to obscure the meaning of Christmas.

But wonder of wonders, sometime between the buying and the wrapping and the joyful Christmas - morn destruction of all our careful and elaborate preparations, that magic moment unfailingly returns if we but pause and become quiet and open our hearts to it.

It comes in the dark hours of the night when all is calm and all is still. Children, half-waking and half-dreaming, hear Santa's sleigh bells. Those who are no longer children but who retain the faith and simplicity of children hear something else - the old and ever - new singing of the angels and the promise that echoes down the ages:

"Peace on earth, good will to men."

That is the real miracle. That is the real Christmas.

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Ellis Alcorn says: "A man may not be as good as you tell him he is, but he'll try harder thereafter."

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Tom Allen says: "If you can keep your head when all around you are losing theirs; you're probably overtranquilized."

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NOTED AND PASSED

Hunting Big Game: It is apparent that many people have noticed the ability of Vice President Agnew in going after big game and approve of his efforts. A fan club has been formed by June Ornsteen of Gladwyne, Pennsylvania. The organization is distributing bumper strips with a picture of a tiger and the club name; SAFARI - Spiro Agnew Fans and Rooters Institute.

Dangerous to whom?: The Federal Trade Commission investigated certain materials used in those see - through blouses and found them quite flammable. So in typical government bureaucratic language they have issued a warning: "This fabric may be highly dangerous." Their statement is a bit vague though; they forgot to note to whom it may be dangerous.

Just a reminder: There is some talk that the inquest into the death of Mary Jo Kepechne in Senator Edward Kennedy's car accident will be delayed long enough to allow a quiet disposition of the cause. The flaw in this theory is that the press does not have a short memory. Newsmen across the country are still watching the Massachusetts courts for their decision. It is difficult to hide anything from a free press.

Words of wisdom from the past: Ulysses S. Grant's comment on music seems appropriate to today's trends in music(?).

He assessed his taste in music quite simply: "I know only two tunes; one of them is 'Yankee Doodle,' and the other isn't."

Whatever happened to Yankee Doodle?

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DISCRIMINATION IN DENMARK

From Copenhagen, Denmark, comes a UPI dispatch that beginning next year the names of unwed mothers involved in paternity suits will no longer be made public, although the names of presumptive fathers will be.

Says the MANCHESTER UNION (New Hampshire): "Seems a little unfair to broadcast the name of a man who MIGHT be guilty and withhold the name of the woman who surely is."

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A Wayne Bess who ought to know says today's younger generation justs wants to run the world – not finance it.

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Raymond Wright says what with supersonic flying and super - highway motoring we will soon be able to travel anywhere and see nothing.

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STAND FAST IN LIBERTY

(A Christmas message - reprinted by request)

The approach of Christmas brings to mind a certain grave in a cemetery in Highgate, London, England. It is marked by a rectangular marble block slightly higher than a man's head. Atop the marble pedestal there is a sculptured likeness of the shaggy father of international Con

in 1848, when he was 31, and died there in 1883. For years, writers have wondered in print why the Communists have never requested permission to move the remains of their idol to Moscow for entombment in Red Square. And every curious sightseer has wondered at the shabbiness of the grave itself; it is completely overgrown with weeds and thistles. It has been neglected for years and looks as unkept as did Marx in his lifetime.

Why should this untended grave come to mind at Christmas? Simply because of the contrast. On December 25, the whole Western World will stop whatever it is doing to pay honor to Him for whom the day is named. There will be prayers and hymns of praise in every language man has devised to communicate His thoughts. There is scarcely a town, a township, a village which has not built a meeting place where men of good will may gather to study His teachings - and each of those churches will hold services celebrating Christmas.

Thousands upon thousands of pilgrims will travel to the Holy Land on Christmas Day to trace His steps. And men everywhere will be reminded that He showed them that their slavation lay in service to their God, and not in servitude to their State. They will be admonished, too, that the Apostle Paul foresaw the eternal assault on free men. His words to the Galations stand as the lesson of Christmas for this and every future year of our Lord: "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage."

And while all men free of bondage stand silent on Christmas as they have been doing on this day for 1969 years, cold winds will blow through the thistles at that forlorn, untended grave in London. What an appropriate and joyous contrast!

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John Donoho says: "Lately what it takes to keep this country moving is tear gas."

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Bill Burch says: "Greener pastures often have higher fences around them."

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Ben Franklin said it: "Love your neighbor; yet don't pull down your hedge."

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Somehow, "dig that disel" just doesn't have the ring of locomotive to old time steam buffs.

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A surprising number of women live to be 100, considering that, by their own admission, few ever pass age 30.

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ROMANCE IN HIJACKING

Maria Grazia, a 23 - year - old Milanese model, is head - over - heels in love with Raffaele Minichiello. Miss Grazia wants to marry the 20 - year - old American Marine corporal because: "Doesn't it seem terrific to you that a boy could have the courage to bring a plane from the United States to Rome just so he could hug his father?" Director Carlo Ponti was so impressed with Minichiello's hijacking of a Trans World Airlines jet from California to Italy in November that he plans a movie on the exploit.

Meanwhile, back in the real world, National Airlines pilot James G. Brown told a congressional committee earlier this year: "If anyone has any solution to the problem of hijacking, please do something about it expeditiously - because it's a tragedy waiting for a place to happen." Brown made the statement a few days after he had flown to Havana at the instructions of a hijacker armed with a pistol and four sticks of dynamite. There have been at least 66 hijackings this year - including 50 planes commandeered to Cuba, 30 of them American airliners.

The search for a solution continues. The United Nations voted 67 to one on Dec. 5 to urge all governments to insure that hijackers will be prosecuted. Seventeen nations abstained and the one dissenting vote was cast by Cuba. In Washington, the State Department announced that the 13 countries which provide the bulk of the world's civil airline service would hold a three - day meeting beginning on Tuesday, Dec. 16, to discuss aircraft hijacking.

Eastern Air Lines, a prime target for Cuba - bound hijackers put a still - secret weapon detection device into operation Oct. 15. Federal Aviation Administration head John H. Shaffer said the device detects weapons but "relies principally on psychology - based behavior profiles." Weapons detection and an international system of prosecution are closing in on the air pirate. Only husband - hunting models and hero - hunting movie directors will be sorry.

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Paul Cannon says: "Gossip never dies. Now and then you hear a "story" first told some 50 years ago on somebody long since dead."

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Hal Boyle

By JOY STILLEY

NEW YORK (AP) — Hot on the heels of the maxifashions, we now have the Max fashions —avant-garde artist Peter Max, that is.

Actually, they're not only on the heels, but also on the toes, calves, knees and thighs of a new collection of hosiery that bears his cosmic designs.

The 30-year-old exponent of art nouveau for the masses followed his initial success with psychedelic posters by putting his bold and colorful imprint on clocks, toys, towels, dishes, napkins, ash trays, scarves, stationery and even the sides of buses.

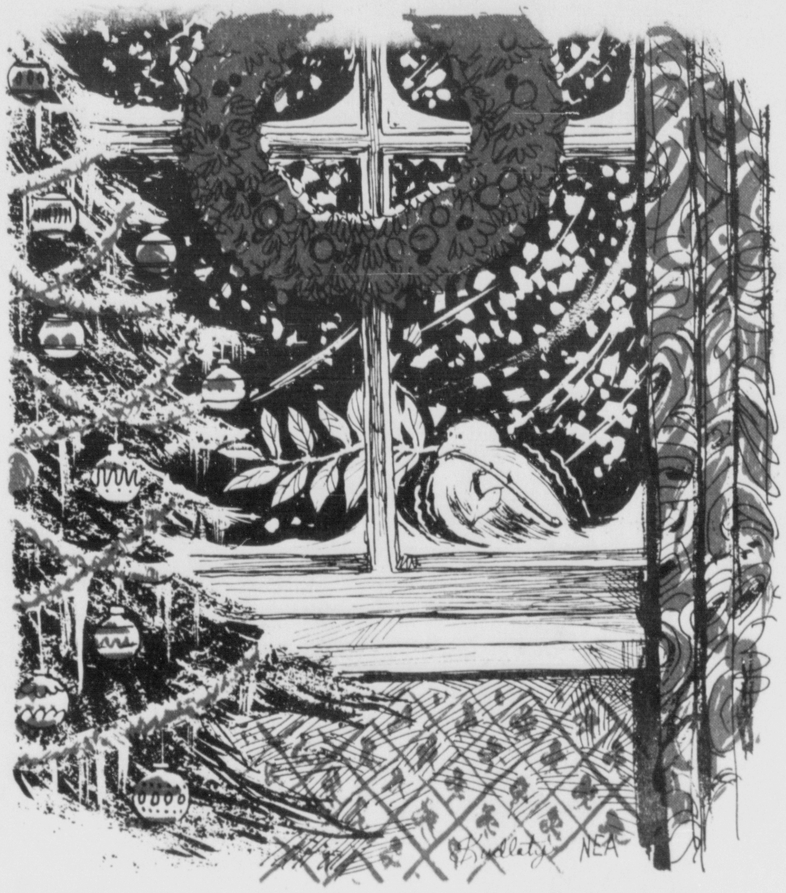
Now, looking for new spaces to conquer, Max has gone out on a limb— and given a new meaning to the term "leg art." His brilliant-hued geometrics, flower fantasies, constellations and clouds are placed strategically at various levels from below the miniest skirt, on down to the foot, where even a maxicoat enthusiast can show her colors.

In between there are designs just above the knee, as well a galaxy of stars that enhances the countour of the upper leg, a portion of female anatomy the artist feels has been outrageously neglected.

Although the daring ornamentation is admittedly "beamed at the young spirited individualist who wants to establish her own identity to create her very own version of fashion," Max adds that "any woman with a wellsnaped leg can wear them."

Born in Germany, the softspoken artist came to this country via Shanghai, Tibet, Israel, where he studied astronomy, and France. He became inerestee in yoga and in Paris found Swami Satchidananda, persuaded him to come to New York, and now they work together at the Integral Yoga Institute.

Though his head nay be up in the clouds in pursuit of cosmic wisdom, when it comes to innovative commercialism Max's feet are planted on the ground as firmly as he hopes feminine feet will be planted in his starstudded stockings.



TOMORROW
DECEMBER 25 - THURSDAY
BUFFALO, DEER & HARVEST DANCES. Dec. 25. Pueblos, NM.
CHRISTMAS DAY. Dec. 25. Celebrated throughout the United states, its territories and the rest of the Christian World.

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TOMORROW
DECEMBER 26 - FRIDAY
ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE CONGRESS. Dec. 26-31. Boston, MA.
BOXING DAY. Dec. 26. United Kingdom, Australia, some Canadian provinces, Poland. Day for gift exchange.
SECOND CHRISTMAS. Dec. 26. Marks beginning of two - week long celebration. Celebrated in SC and the Virgin Islands.
SYDNEY - TO - HOBART YACHT RACE. Dec. 26. Australia.

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I wrote a play in grammer school but got sent home because it contained the word "martini." I've always had a dry wit.

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Our Unabashed Dictionary defines prudery as meddle- class morality.

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I was a sexy spring night and the sap was rising. A Hollywood stud took his chick for a ride in his new MG sports car and parked out on a secluded point off Mulholland Drive.

The chick bounded out of the tiny car and draped herself seductively against a tree - but the stud just sat there behind the wheel.

"Honey," she purred, "if you don't hurry up, I'll be out of the mood."

"Hell," he said, "if I don't get out of the mood, I won't be able to make it out of this MG."

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We got back home and found, as usual, there was something we forgot to shut off. This time it was spending.

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Of course, I wouldn't accept money from a perfect stranger," the gold digger told her girlfriend. "But then, nobody's perfect."

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WHA' HOPPENED?

A newsprint information Committee research study indicates that newspapers are the prime medium for news and buying information.

This study showed that four out of five persons gets news from the newspaper where the reader can get the full range of specific information items.

It was found that two out of three people look forward to seeing the ads in their newspaper. The greater a person's interest in advertising information - such as data on something he wants to buy - the more likely he is to turn to his newspaper as his No. 1 reference.

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The man next door jogs. He's bought a sit-down lawnmower, too.

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The banana was eaten in Southern Asia and perhaps, Malaysia, long before recorded history. It was originally spelled benena. It was introduced to the New World, in Santo Domingo, in 1516.

POWERING OUR CITIES

The Electric Utility Industry Task Force On Environment in its report to the President's Council on Recreation and Natural Beauty has, among other things, urged examination of the feasibility of locating large nuclear generating plants in urban areas as soon as possible. This study group, composed of outstanding citizens and leaders in industry and government and headed by Mr. Laurance S. Rockefeller, has pointed out that locating nuclear generating stations in metropolitan areas would make two vital contributions to the environement.

In the first place, such stations, since they would not burn conventional fuels, would alleviate problems of air pollution. And secondly, in as much as they would be close to the centers of power consumption, they would reduce the need for construction of additional long- distance transmission lines. In line with this recommendation and typical of the industry's concern for furthering the quality of the nation's environment is an agreement for the development of one of the world's largest nuclear generating plants, signed by one of the nation's major investor -owned utility companies and officials of New Rochelle, New York. As planned, the plant would be located half a mile off the coast of New Rochelle in Long Island Sound. Its cost is estimated at between $600 and $900 million, and it is hoped that the Atmoic Energy Commission approval can be given in time to clear the way for construction to start in 1972. If plans go forward, it is expected the plant would be completed between 1975 and 1978 and would include four 1- million - kilowatt generating units.

This is the kind of progressive leadership and investment in the future that has brought the United States to its present position of world leadership in the development of nuclear power generation and proven its safety and reliability. Nuclear power now has immense potential for contributing to the quality of life and the availability of abundant low-cost electric power.

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Betcha Didn't Know...

A reformer is the kind of guy who would have you believe that he gave Eve back her apple.

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Doc. Duncan Says

Gramp sez he sees by the papers the Dooces - Wild aint havin much luck selling 65 bonds at par. sez if that keeps up it means a down turn in taxes.

Doc Duncan

H.L. Hunt Says

THE GOOD AND THE BEAUTIFUL

Republic USA represents the best of the good and the beautiful that mankind has been able to achieve so far during his troubled centuries on this old earth. That is the story which must be told and retold if the good, the true and the beautiful are to be preserved for our posterity and for ourselves.

It is easy to forget, if one has never struggled for the truth, for the good, for the beautiful, that these values do not come easy. They must be struggled, for, then preserved. Like freedom, they can all be lost through ignorance or apathy or sometimes by just human cussedness.

Food, clothing and shelter are not denied some people in the world because the more free people of Republic USA, through their beautiful freedom, have been able to create and achieve health, wealth and happiness beyond the wildest dreams of ancient kings who had to seize by force their few luxuries f from slaves and serfs. Free, creative men and women of this land have created more wealth than all other men have been able to scratch up in all history.

Those who have followed this system, even though it is not yet perfect, have also achieved to the extent they have love; and appreciated freedom and truth and beauty. those who envy the achievements of others and try to seize or destroy the fruits of their achievement are not the vanguard of the future. A free and responsible systme of news, information, education and entertainment will begin to understand this story and these great truths, if they are not to be lost. We can see the light of a beautiful new day ahead; we need to do is turn the corner to the right and keep going.

Inside Labor

By Victor Riesel

INSIDE STRIKE:

Toll at Christmas For GE, Strikers, And Nation Now Hitting $300 Million.

New York: — It may well be that George Meany, Mr. World Labor, looks like a cartoonist's dream of a plumber and even talks like a plumber - but it would take a fast moving team of Metternich, Medici and Machiavelli to outmaneuver him. Also, he has a touch of Iron Chancellor Bismarck in him and Napoleon's logistic skill of moving an army on its stomach.

It is essential to understand this if one is to realize the depth and significance of the tragic war between American labor and the sprawling, global General Electric Corp. AFL- CIO President Meany is directing this strike personally – thus this is the first time in our nation's history that the entire American labor movement has struck at a single corporation. This confrontation will roll into 1970.

In the nine weeks since the strike started, it has cost almost $300 million in lost wages, lost production, lost sales, and in vast strike relief, social welfare and economically blitzed communities.

True, there are some 133,000 out on strike but suffering with them this tight Christmas are families with more than a half million women and children.

Mr. Meany, a qui warrior, prepared for all this. His strategy is a marvel to behold and reflects the enormous strength a united labor movement can whip up. In Cleveland the other day, for example, one local machinists' union, angered by a pro- G.E. statement of one of the Central National Bank's executives, cooly withdrew its million-dollar account.

In New York, United Federation of Teachers (UFT) President, Al Shanker, prepared to reach 15 million pupils – half the nation's junior, intermediate and senior high school students -- through some 100,000 school teachers. Shortly after the first of the year the UFT and its parent American Federation of Teachers will mail 100,000 "lesson plan" booklets on the GE strike to its members.

"We will have fantastic impact," said Mr. Shanker the other day in that drawl so strange to a New Yorker. "Those 100,000 instructors, who each teach 150 students a day, will reach millions of youngsters. We have teachers in most big cities. Their students will be motivated. We contributed $50,000 to the strike fund, but money is not enough."

There "lesson plans" will talk of GE's bargaining policy generally dubbed "Boulwarism" after the genial former GE Vice President Lemuel Boulware, who is now retired and golfs his age --75. The teachers' booklet also will refer to the theory of collective bargaining, and will reflect the unions' Coordinated Bargaining Committee (CBC) charge that GE is attempting to destroy the collective bargaining system. The company's attitudes will be reflected, but the pro-labor weight of the lesson plans will be obvious.

Through the youngsters the labor movement hopes to get to the older youth power generation and to millions of parents as well. Thus the company's public relations campaign may be offset.

But Mr. Meany and the 12-member CBC know that a striker's morale depends on the spirits of his family and the filling of stomachs. No one can eat bravado. The movement has talked of raising $50 million. It hasn't. The AFL— CIO is on its third million. The United Auto Workers have given a million – and is paying its own strikers $30 for a single striker, $35 if he or she is married and $40 if there is a family. In addition the UAW pays surgical hospital benefits and life insurance premiums.

In New York, some 32,000 strikers now are receiving unemployment insurance which runs as high as $65 a week. So are several thousand in Rhode Island. These are the only two states which pay strikers jobless relief after a waiting period.

This leaves about 100,000 strikers payless at Yuletide. For them it's not a very happy holiday. But no one's going hungry. Long before the strike started, Mr. Meany directed his own health- education - and - welfare department chief, Leo Perlis, head of the AFL- CIO Community Services, to prepare for the siege. The peripatetic, bald - pated Mr. Perlis wrote to his 176 full- time AFL- CIO representatives around the nation to prepare to care for half a million persons.

"They will need our help for cash, food, clothing, shelter, medical care, hospitalization, legal aid, family counseling, extension of credit, debt counseling, recreation and many other services... Now let us put our program into effect: Set up strike relief committees... initiate special strike counseling training sessions involving GE union counselors ... arrange a meeting between the appropriate officials of the striking unions and representatives of all public and voluntary agencies that can help, including particularly those agencies providing public assistance, surplus foods and food stamps.

"... Disseminate among all strike counselors information, printed or mimeographed, listing all pertinent community agencies, their addresses, telephone numbers, functions and names of the people in charge... Refresh your memory on the strike relief program by rereading our pamphlets entitled 'Beyond the Picket Line,' 'Strike Assistance' and 'Food Stamps."

At the same time Mr. Meany has sent word to the White House – which he considers unfriendly -- that labor wants no government interference. And he is cautious not to interfere with defense production. GE sells 4,000 items to the Pentagon – from jets to wires. Thus far there has been only slight "slippage" on fighter and helicopter jet engines. So the government has kept neutral.

The GE strategists want it that way too. They see the struggle as the inevitable confrontation across the collective bargaining table in an insecure economy. They say they want "no holy war." They are not seeking to destroy the labor movement, they add. But they don't want to price themselves out of the world market, they assert swiftly.

Least of all do they want to duel with George Meany. It's easier to make wizardries from lamps to moon landings.

But it's a free country. So it will be a freezing Christmas. It would be good if both sides came in out of the cold. There are public figures who would be fine peacemakers. This is the season. None of us are Metternichs, Medicis or Machiavellis. But we could rustle up some latter- day Evers to Tinkers To Chance.

Washington Merry - Go - Round

By Jack Anderson

WASHINGTON -- While Christmas choruses sing of "peace of earth, good will toward men," this column has completed a confidential review of the prospects for peace around the world. Here is the rundown:

VIETNAM -- At a secret White House strategy session, President Nixon earnestly pledged to GOP leaders: "There is no goal to which we are more committed than ending this (Vietnam) war. We have a plan. It will work."

He outlined a two - track strategy. The rapid road to peace, he said, could be through negotiations. But unhappily, the communists have shown no interest in any settlement short of complete capitulation.

Reporting on the Paris truce talks, the President's National Security Adviser, Henry Kissinger, declared: "We tend to negotiate too much with ourselves. There is almost no proposal in the press that we have not made in one way or another. We've mentioned 'cease - fire' in various connotations.

"If they want a reasonable compromise, we will meet them halfway," he added fiercely. "If they insist on American humiliation, we will resist."

Kissinger wasn't wholly pessimistic about the negotiations, explaining: "The use of unbridled ferocity, until just before they are ready to settle, is a Hanoi Tactic."

Even the enemy build - up in Vietnam, the President believes, may be intended for bargaining purposes. The capability to launch an offensive, in his view, gives Hanoi a stronger bargaining card at the truce table than would an actual offensive that might fail.

The slow road to peace, in case the negotiations wind up in a dead end, is via Vietnamization. Without waiting for peace to strike in Paris, the U.S. is turning the fighting over to the South Vietnamese as fast as they can be made ready.

Declared the President: "Regardless of what the enemy agrees to, we can end the U.S. part in the war by the process of Vietnamization."

He make it clear to his leaders, however, that he would never agree ta unilateral cease - fire.

"We want a cease - fire," he said. "It should be mutual. We will not cease, while they fire."

--RUSSIANS COOPERATIVE--

SALT TALKS -- President Nixon, talking to Republican congressional leaders over coffee and toast the other morning, reported that the Soviet - American strategic arms limitation talks look promising. Never in the history of East - West negotiations, he said, have the Russians been more cooperative.

"There have been no polemics, no propaganda," he told the GOP leaders. "This is wholly different than any other meeting we have ever attended with the Russians."

He said the Soviets have shown a sophistication and earnestness that has just about convinced the American negotiators that the Kremlin sincerely wants to reduce tensions with the United States and cut back heavy military expenditures.

MIDDLE EAST -- The Arabs and Israelis appear to be roaring down he road toward a head - on collision. In the Arab lands, public opinion is so inflamed against Israel that nothing but a blind "holy war" will satisfy the mood. The militant guerrilla leaders are so powerful that the more moderate Arab governments ccan no longer control them.

The Russians have accused the Americans of refusing to exert pressure upon Israel to make concessions. The Americans feel that the Russians haven't used all their influence with the Arabs. There is a suspicion, indeed, that the Russians really seek controlled tension in the Middle East.

As evidence of American good faith, the U.S. recently has intensified the pressure upon Israel. The response has been a hardening of the Israeli attitude.

Henry Kissinger told the GOP congressional leaders confidentially that the only hope for peace in he Middle East depended upon the ability of the two superpowers to work out a settlement.

"The Israelis mistrust the United Nations," he said, "worse than the John Birch Society does."

--IN NORTH ASIA--

KOREA -- Intelligence reports warn that Kim Il Sung, the frenzied dictator of North Korea,may be planning new humiliations for the United States. He tested President Nixon's campaign pledge never to permit another Pueblo incident by shooting down an unarmed reconnaissance plane and, later, an unarmed helicopter.

Having called the President's bluff, it is feared, Kim Il Sung may next attempt something more drastic, such as a commando raid across the demilitarized zone upon a U.S. camp. He is also expected to increase the infiltration of North Korean agents into the south.

It is considered unlikely, however, that he would renew the Korean War. The South Koreans are too strong both in military might and economic stability. Their troops, however, need more modern U.S. equipment before it would be safe to withdraw U.S. troops from Korea.

CHINESE - RUSSIAN BORDER -- Despite negotiations to settle their border disputes, the Soviets and Chinese are stepping up military preparations on both sides of the border.

Some intelligence reports suggest that the Russians are negotiating merely for the sake of world opinion but are really planning to strike across the border at China's nuclear works. The destruction of Chinese nuclear power would remove China as a threat to Russia for years to come.

Other intelligence reports insist that both the Chinese and Russian military forces are deployed basically for defense and that wars seldom break out between two defensive powers.

Ann Landers

Living Together Ten Months Without A Commitment...What Are Her Rights?

Dear Ann Landers: I am a middle - aged man who has just been offered the promotion he's been dreaming about. It means moving the family several hundred miles from here.

My wife refuses to move. She says the kids are doing well in school and moving would mean leaving friends they have grown up with. She is also close to her family.

What can a man do when he is faced with rebellion like this? My wife says, "Money isn't everything." I agree, but this isn't just money. It's what I've been aiming for. It's satisfaction and progress. I'm 37 years old. If I turn down this promotion, I'll be stuck in this spot the rest of my life. Please help me. -- Between The Devil And The Deep Blue Sea

Dear Between: If the devil wins this battle she is going to have a frustrated, unhappy husband on her hands for many years to come. Maybe forever. In my opinion, your wife is letting you down badly. It is the woman's responsibility to make a home for her man wherever he can best pursue his profession or ply his trade. Remind her of those beautiful words: "Whither thou goest --- I goest."

Dear Ann Landers: I'm a 31 - year - old divorcee who has been going with a man 37. He is also divorced.

The problem: I'm in love with him but he can't make up his mind about me. After ten months of being together almost every night, he still needs to play around with other women.

I should tell you, in all candor, we are not engaged. We have talked of marriage but no commitment has been made. The problem boils down to this: I am satisfied with one man but he is not satisfied with one woman. Last night I told him he'd have to make up his mind. He called me "unreasonable" and "unfair". Am I? --A.T.K.

Dear A.T.K.: Inasmuch as you are not engaged and no commitment has been made, the gentleman has a right to do as he pleases. By the same token, since you have devoted yourself exclusively to him for ten months, you have the right to tell him either -- or. Don't be surprised if it's "or". A man who cares deeply for a woman and wants her for his wife does not play around, --- unless there's something wrong with him. Have you considered THAT possibility?

Dear Ann Landers: Recently you told a 16 - year - old boy to join Alcoholics Anonymous. I didn't know A.A. took kids that young. What are the requirements for joining A.A.? --Interested For A Reason

Dear In: The only requirement for membership in A.A. is the desire to stop drinking. There are no dues and no fees. A.A. is not allied with any sect, denomination, political party or organization. The primary purpose of A.A. is to help people stay sober and help other alcoholics achieve that goal.

Anyone interested in their literature should write to Alcoholics Anonymous, Box 459, Grand Central Post Office, New York, N.Y. 10017.

Another organization that does trememdous job for alcoholics is: The National Council on Alcoholism, 2 Park Avenue, New York, New York.

Ann Landers' book, "Truth Is Stranger," a collection of her best columns over the past 14 years is available at book stores. It can also be obtained by writing Prentice Hall, Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey. Price, $4.95.

Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of this newspaper, enclosing a self - addressed, stamped envelope.

CHILDREN at the Child Development Center in Lincoln Building enjoyed the Lambert Puppets, presented by Vi Lambert yesterday.

The Pink Curtain Opens, And Up Pop The Lambert Puppets...

By BARBARA LACY

The music starts, the lights go off. All eyes watch as a spotlighted pink glittery curtain is drawn apart.

To the tune of "Glow Little Glowworm, Glitter, Glitter," the miniature stage is suddenly filled by little black glowworms with flashing tails dancing in the dark.

The Lambert Puppet are performing.

When Mr. and Mrs. James Lambert, of Alexandria, Va., came to Sikeston for a family visit, they brought their son Marc, whom they adopted in France, Peseta, long-haired Terrier, whom they bought in Mexico and whose name is the feminine form of peso, the Mexican term for money; and boxes of puppets, light and sound equipment and a large pink stage decorated with tulips and sunflowers.

Also stashed in were several bags of confetti for the children to throw during and after the performances.

"I know it's messy," the creator of the puppets said, of the confetti, "but the children love it."

The Lambert puppets were created just for fun, by one woman, Vi Lambert, who gives shows because she enjoys doing things for children, especially at Christmas.

"Isn't that the spirit of Christmas she says."

She is small, bouncy and modest and prefers to talk about the puppets' personalities to herself.

Her husband, a retired Air Force colonel, interrupts to say that she treats her puppets as if they were people.

They do have recognizable personality types. Joe, the announcer, is continually interrupted by his know - it - all sister Susie.

"I always try to find a sweet southern voice for Susie," Mrs. Lambert said, adding that in every performance, local people work several of the puppets.

Another puppet is Father Moses, an old Negro who teaches the children to sing "Amen". Pierre, the Frenchman, who is played by Marc Lambert, can't speak English but does communicate with music.

Then, there is the man who hates opera, victim of the first fight ever on the Lambert stage.

"Marc, who is our major demo behind the scenes, said that he thought the show was too tame. So we added the man who hates opera. Did you like it?"

For those of you who didn't see the show, the man who hates opera is thoroughly battered by a piano stool after he beats up the opera singing swan, Pierre the french piano player, and the piano.

Others have their problems too. The Elephant ballet dancer splits in half, much to her chagrine, and spends the rest of her act trying to get back together.

A couple in finger fitting costumes do a modern dance, then remove their heads as Mrs. Lambert explains how to make your own puppets."

"Take a styroform ball, paint a face on it, cut out a whole in the bottom for your finger. Put it on, make it dance, talk and sing."

That's all their is too it. Except for the magic and mystery the Lambert puppets impart.

How did Vi Lambert, secretary in the Pentagon, become interested in puppets?

She started as a den mother working on a papier mache project, but admits, "I left the boys way behind when I made my first puppet.

"First I made one head, then I had to make more, then I had to put together a show."

The first show was at the pediatric ward of the Lackland Air Force Base hospital. We made a stage out of hospital screens.

"Our second show was at a San Antonio Methodist Church for Mothers Day.

That was five years ago."

Now Vi Lambert is a member of the Capitol Puppet Guild, Puppeteers of America and the International Congress of Pupperty.

Last summer she attended the professional and amateur convention in Prague and Chrudim Czecholovia.

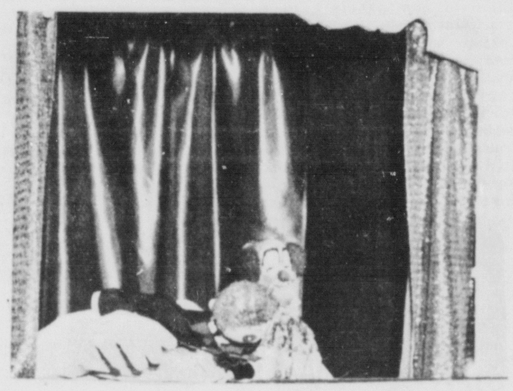
"I didn't perform, but watched some marvelous shows. And one of the best ideas I got was for a new stage. I'm going to get it made next."

Thus, she donated her present stage to the Lincoln Day Care Center, after her performances in Sikeston.

"What I'd like to do," she said finally, "is use the puppets in therapy with retarded children."

While in Sikeston the Lamberts are staying with Lambert's sister, the Gene Grants.

Helping in the three performances in Sikeston, at the Lincoln Day Care Center, the Regional Diagnostic Clinic and the Security National Bank were: Mrs. Margaret Lambert Walters, Tim Lambert, son of DeWitt Lambert; Mrs. Jane Lambert Brock of Jackson Miss., and Clauda Ham.



BOZO THE CLOWN and the Master of Ceremonies were part of the Lambert Puppet presentation in Security National Bank community room this morning.

Very Special Christmas

Fourteen years ago, the year Ann Landers began writing this column, she produced a special essay for Christmas Day. Reader response was extremely high and she has reprinted the column annually, with topical modifications. This is her Christmas message for 1969.

Today is Christmas. All about us we hear talk of peace on earth, good will toward men. Yet we know, to our sorrow, there is no peace in the hearts of many men, and there is no good will.

The mood of American vacillates between fear and the childlike hope that somehow everything will turn out all right. Yet we are uptight, anxious, frightened sick of war, puzzled by our young and torn by conflicting emotions.

Our youth insists that civilization is out of joint. They resent having to live in a dangerous and untidy world they never made. But what generation ever made the world it had to live in?

Despite "progress" of which we boast, what progress have we made? Is it progress when average, everyday citizens are afraid to walk within blocks of their own homes after dark? Is it progress to spend billions to put a man on the moon where no man lives while in our own country, 10 million people are inadequately fed and 20 million live in hovels and shacks?

This is the age of protest, the big copout, the unwashed and the undressed. The blurring of the sexes. Young rebels spit in the face of conformity and stare us down with eyes like hypodermic needles. Some fear we are heading toward social decay -- going the way of the Romans and the Babylonians. Others applaud the new morality and dance on the grave of "phony Puritanism." They herald the sex revolution as symptomatic of a maturing society which will encourage creativity and promote better mental health.

Members of the Now Generation are searching for drugs to "expand their minds," when in reality, they have merely opted to anesthetize themselves against the pain of growing up and accepting responsibility. Yet, we cannot deny they have some valid complaints and much of what they are railing against is, indeed, despicable and needs to be changed. This raises some serious questions for which there are no easy answers.

Each day, each of us must make a series of small decisions. These decisions determine the direction in which our lives will move. No one, irrespective of how wise, how highly principled or experienced he may be, can make the right decision every time. To err or fail is no disgrace. The disgrace lies in not learning from our mistakes, not recovering from our defeats, not getting up to try again.

Since this is a problem column, I hear more about failure than I hear about victory. Does this depress me? No, it does not. After fourteen years I still find this work immensely rewarding. I realize that many people who write don't want advice, they merely need someone to listen. I have been entrusted with the largest reading audience in the world. What a magnificent opportunity to shine a spotlight on ignorance and fear. There is no greater satisfaction than to serve, and I will continue to do my best.

Ann Landers

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Women's Page

Donna Koch, Page Editor 471-1137

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"CHRISTMAS IS WHEN you hug your little brother", so say members of Mrs. Robert Hunter's Art III classes when they used the Charley Brown cartoon characters to decorate the windows of the East Prairie High School gym.

PAPER MACHE CAROLERS decorate the lobby of the East Prairie High School gymnasium.

East Prairie School Trimmed For Christmas

EAST PRAIRIE -- Mrs. Robert Hunter, art instructor of the East Prairie High School had high praise for members of her art classes who were responsible for Christmas decorations displayed throughout the school.

Art III classes cleverly decorated the windows at the entrance to the gymnasium with a "Charley Brown Christmas" theme. Inside the lobby of the gym, paper mache carolers add a musical touch.

Outstanding among the many decorations were Nativity setting made by sophomore students, Tyler Fitzgibbons, son of Mrs. Doris Fitzgibbons, and Lionell Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Brown.

The boys worked almost three weeks on their projects which are displayed in the front lobby and the counselor office.

Using a technique similar to paper mache but with cloth, the base of each figure begins with a cardboard cone and an armature of aluminum foil. Pieces of fabric, usually old draperies, curtains or lace doilies are drapped around the figure, then painted with burnt umber, brushed with gold, giving ample time for drying between coats. Broken bits of jewelry, beads and pearls add the final touches.

Completing the Nativity scene is the stable, also sprayed gold with a roof of straw adding a realistic touch.

Dear Santa

Hi Santa,

My name is Angela Long. I'm 6 ½ years old and in the 1st grade. My teacher is Miss Perry. Please don't forget her. I've been a good girl this year and I would like to have a dancerina doll, Etch - a sketch board and some new clothes. Don't forget all the other boys and girls. And don't forget my friends that Live at Morley Jeff and Ginger.

Angela Long
East Prairie, Mo.

Dear Santa,

My name is Cathy for Christmas I would like hands - down, operation, and Dynamite Shack.

Cathy Schuchart
Sincerly yours,

Dear Santa,

I am a little girl 4 years old. I have been a good girl this year. I would like a record player and the game Dynamite Shack. Remember all the other good girls and boys.

Thank You,
Your little friend,
Robbyn Schuchart

USE THE DAILY STANDARD CLASSIFIED ADS

Girls Scouts

BELL CITY - Toys were repaired for the under-privileged children was the agenda when Girl Scout troop 178 met Monday afternoon. After refreshments, the group met in patrols and studied greetings in other languages.

Charles Heiffiner of Columbia was an over night guest of his mother, Mrs. Dora Bollinger, and his sister, Mrs. Clara Howard, on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Redman and Miss Sara Jean were guests of Joe Redman's nephew and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Wilford, Dexter, for their annual Christmas dinner and party Saturday evening. Guests present were his son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Redman and three children of Kennett, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Musgraves, Mr. and Mrs. James Redman of St. Louis, Mrs. Joyce Omphfleet and two children and J. L. Simpson of Dexter.

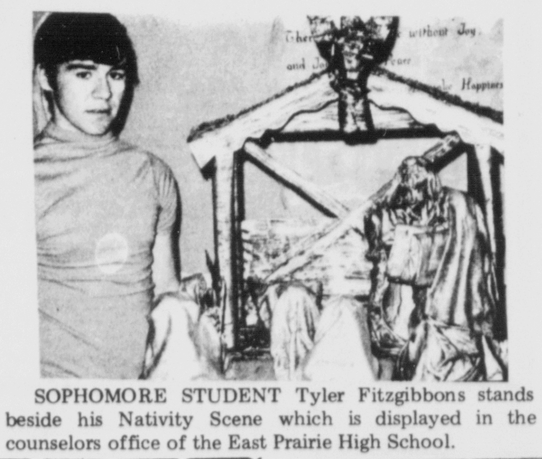
Mrs. John Kaynard was hostess to the Christmas party of the Women's Society of Christian Service of the Bell City United Church at her home Wednesday evening. Twenty-four ladies were present with Mrs. Wayne French in charge of the program. An exchange of gifts was held after the meeting.

Does your husband dislike the usual salad of plain tossed greens? Give him the greens tossed with canned green beans, kidney beans and chick peas plus French dressing. Chances are he'll go for this!

Hospital Notes

MISSOURI DELTA COMMUNITY:
Released:
Ella Morgan, East Prairie
Cynthia Abernathy, Morley
Carol Bomar, East Prairie
Melissa Clark, Sikeston
R. Q. Brown, Charleston
Frank Johnson, Charleston
Berdie Hicks, East Prairie
Charles Huff, East Prairie
Joe Haney, Dexter
Lydia Heath, Sikeston
Michael Halter, Charleston
Glen Evans, Blodgett
Fletta Coffer, Charleston
Joseph Griffin, Dexter
Louie Dickie, Sikeston
Hazel White, Charleston
Robert Stroud, Matthews
Tommie Sheppard, New Madrid
Orval Tate, Sikeston
Barbara Nail, Sikeston
Mrs. James Franklin and Baby Boy, Sikeston
George Shelby, Charleston

The 1968 major league exhibition baseball campaign will get underway in Florida on March 9.



SOPHOMORE STUDENT Tyler Fitzgibbons stands beside his Nativity Scene which is displayed in the counselors office of the East Prairie High School.

LIONELL BROWN proudly displays his Nativity Scene in the front lobby of the East Prairie High School.

JOY to the WORLD!
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UCLA Bombs LSU; Mizzou Loses; 98-79

By HERSCHEL NISSENSON
Associated Press Sports Writer

Pistol Pete Maravich faced the UCLA firing squad Tuesday night and the Bruins let him have both barrels.

The barrels were named Henry Bibby and John Vallely and they combined to limit the Louisiana State hotshot to 38 points - he was averaging 46.6, best in the nation - as the second- ranked Bruins shattered the school scoring record with a lopsided 133-84 triumph.

"UCLA should join the NBA," gasped Maravich. "They'd fit right in. They're better than last year. They just blew us out. We didn't have a chance."

UCLA ripped off a 9-0 lead, boosted it to 69-40 at the half and breezed to its fifth consecutive victory. LSU is a 6-2. While Bibby and Vallely were sticking closer to Maravich than his famed floppy socks, Curtis Bowe and Sidney Wicks were pacing a balanced Bruin attack with 23 points apiece.

"Our tactics were to pick up Maravich before he got across the midcount line and double team him early," said Coach John Wooden. The only other member of The Associated Press' Top Twenty to play Tuesday night was in action on the other side of Los Angeles. Twelfth - ranked Southern California combined a tight defense and hot shooting for a 95- 59 rout of St. John's, which was fresh from a convincing triumph over ranked Davidson.

Alternating from a man- to - man to a zone, USC forced St. John's into 28 turnovers. It was all over when the Trojans ran off 16 straight points for an 81-48 lead. Dennis Layton led USC with 24 points and Paul Westphal had 19.

Calvin Murphy, runner- up to Maravich in the scoring race, hit on 15 of 28 shots and scored 36 points as Niagara beat Xavier of Ohio 91-83. Wayne Jones chipped in with 26 points for the unbeaten Purple Eagles while Jerry Helmers paced the losers with 34.

Elsewhere, Mike Switzer scored 20 points and MVP Nate Archibald 19 as Texas - El Paso whipped Missouri 98-79 for the championship of the Sun Carnival. Texas A & M defeated Clemson 78-63 for consolation honors.

Kent State rallied from an early 10- point deficit and trimmed Duquesne 77-69. Cincinnati edged Dayton for the 14th straight time when the Flyers missed two late free throws. The score was 64-62.

Andy Owens' 39 points fired Florida past Harvard 95-75, sophomore Henry Seawright scored 33 as Manhattan trounced Connecticut 75-62, Marshall Crawford had 25 as Centenary turned back Texas Christian 69-58 and Erick Hill tallied 18 of his 24 in the second half as Minnesota beat San Diego State 79-68.

Other scores; Long Beach State 92, Lamar Tech 78; Duke 98,Wake Forest 90; Cal- Santa Barbara 67, Stanford 62.

Baboons are subject to high blood pressure, heart disease and hardening of the arteries.

GLENN ALLEN, 13, proudly displays his deer in which he downed in this years deer season. Glenn downed his buck in Bollinger County.

Oran-Matthews Pitted In Bloomfield Opener

BLOOMFIELD -- Defending tournament champ, the Oran Eagles, opens the 1969 BHS Christmas invitational Friday evening at 4:30 p.m. against eighth seeded Matthews.

Oran, who rambled through the district and regional action last season to only be stopped from an undefeated season in the final game of the year at Columbia in the Class M title game, lost four of its five starters and face a rebuilding year this season.

Class S power, Advance, was top seeded for the 16-team event that has provided numerous surprises in season's past.

A four game schedule will be played the first three evenings of play (Friday, Saturday and Monday) before switching to two game battles on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Nine of the teams entered in the event have at one time won the coveted title that has in past season's produced the best team in the district as it champ.

A wide variety of play will be exhibited, from the pattern, precession passing game of Bernie to the run-shoot antics of Puxico, Advance and Matthews.

Whatever your flavor, the Bloomfield invitational will provide it when it does open Friday for the 14th annual event.

The Schedule:
Friday
4:30 - Matthews vs. Oran
6:00 - Advance vs. Clarkton
7:30 - Richland vs. Bell City
9:00 - Dexter vs. Bloomfield
Saturday
4:30 - Parma vs. Neelyville
6:00 Malden vs. Kennett
7:30 - Bernie vs. Sikeston
9:00 - Puxico vs. Gideon

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Consolation
Tex. A & M 78, Clemson 63

Unbeaten Delta Heads Up Cape Tournament

CAPE GIRARDEAU -- To most of us, it is and should be the time to be Jolly, but also it is the time to attend the always exciting Yule Time Tournements held each year by the area high schools. The Cape College High Shristmas Tourney promises to be an exciting and quite interesting event as top rated teams throughout the area will see action starting Friday and continuing till a championship team is honored the following New Year's Eve.

The Number One seeded team in the tournement is Delta bringing it's undefeated (11-0) mark into the tournement. It is defending champions. Following the Bobcats, are Cape Central, seeded number two, followed by the consecutives teams in their respected order: Woodland, Chaffee, Charleston, Clear Water, Oak Ridge, and Scott Central.

First round action open at 5 p.m. Friday Night as the Kelly Hawks will Dame, in the second match. When hot, the Bluejays can almost beat any team but may find less trouble than usual with the Notre Dame squad, recently pluaged with the loss of several of its starters through illnesses. The third game of the night will find undefeated Delta, with its 11-0 record, battling with Illmo - Scott City. In he last game of the night, Chaffee will meet Lilbourn in the 9:30 p.m. contest. The Red Devils who have already reached the century mark four times this season, will meet the improving Lilbourn squad. Second round action wil find Oak Ridge and Portageville clashing at 5 p.m. Saturday. Oak Ridge, ith its good outside and inside shooting ability, will meet the Bulldogs in a head on clash. Following will be Clear Water, who play the Jackson Indians in a 6:30 contest. Clear Water, with an impressive 8-1 mark, and a Championship in the Arcadian Tournment, all ready under its belt, wilbring the Indians a tough challenge as they enter this event, new to them. In the 8 p.m. game, second seeded Cape Central will battle the East Prairie Eagles. With its tall, practically all junior squad, the Cape Central Bengals will provide quite a gmae for the Eagles. Woodland and host team College High, will meet in the final play of the opening rounds. Woodland, rated in he number three spot, in a defense of its 8-1 records, will face the rebuilding Preps.

The College High Tournement will continue the following week, Monday, when the Quarterfinal rounds will open. Followed by the Semi - finals on Tuesday and the finals on Wednesday.

The Tournement winner will have to be a tough and rugged team as he competition is as rough as it will ever be.

The Delta Bobcats will be trying to regain the championship it won last year in the tournement, but may find it rough going as all the teams will be out for the Bobcats.

Of the 16 teams entered in the Tourney, no one can be singled out as the best or the worst, for in such a game, any upset may occur at any time.

THE SCHEDULE:
FRIDAY
5:00 -- Kelly vs. Scott Central
6:30 -- Charleston vs. Notre Dame
8:00 -- Delta vs. Illmo - Scott City
9:30 -- Chaffee vs. Lilbourn
SATURDAY
5:00 -- Oak Ridge vs. Portageville
6:30 -- Clear Water vs. Jackson
8:00 -- Cape Central vs. East Prairie
9:30 -- Woodland vs. College High

RAYMOND PAINTER of Sikeston, brought down this 9-ft. buck, while hunting near Wayne County during the gun season. It was his first deer to bring down in the last 3 years of hunting.

Photo by Jon Abbot

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Fredericktown Top Seeded For Flat River Tourney

By DAVID CRADER

FLAT RIVER -- The Flat River Central Christmas Tournament will see 14 of the lead belt area teams entered in the Yule Time contest. Of the returning teams in the tourneyment, will be Potosi, the Tournament winner last year. Fredricktown has received the Number one seed this year as the host is rated second. Following in the ratings this year are Farmington and last year's champs, Potosi, Herculaneum, St. Pius (of Festas), DeSoto, and Ellington.

Of the top teams, Fredricktown has posted a 7-0 record for its season play. Lead b Jr. guard, Rod Denmar, who is averaging 23 points, Fredricktown has developed into the team to beat in the Yule Time event.

Flat River, seeted second, also has its big man, Terry Wisdom, who provides for most of the teams points, and is able to control most of the boards with Garry Myers numerous rebounds.

Third Seeded Farmington, boasting a 6-2 record coming into the event has been lead in scoring by 6-5 senior Weiss and teammate Dickery.

Potosi, with last years championship in its hands, will pit it's 5-1 season record on the line as it will try to regain the championship. Lead by 6-5 senior, Bailey, who is averaging 30 points a game, Potosi definitely has a crack at the championship once again.

This years Farmington Christmas Tourneyment will be a tough contest, as both brackets in the tourney provide tough and rugged competition for the represented teams. In the Christmas tradition at Flat River, a large crowd is expected at all games, where each battle will find two teams clashing in hopes of a victory and a crack at the Championship.

The Schedule
Friday - December 26
(4:30) Ellington vs Valley (St. Genieve)
(6:00) Fredricktown vs N. County (Delous)
)7:30) Potosi vs Leadwood
(9:00) DeSoto vs Perryville
Saturday - December 27
(6:00) St. Pius (Festus) vs St. Genevie Public
(7:30) Farmington vs Greenville
(9:00) Elling vs Valley Winner vs Fredricktown vs N. County Winner
Monday - December 29
(6:00) Herculaneum vs Potosi vs Leadwood Winner
(7:30) Flat River Central vs DeSotos Perryville Winner
(9:00) St. Puis St. Genevie Winner vs Farmington vs Greenville Winner
Tuesday - Semi - Finals
Wednesday - Finals

BUD MALONE, and his son STEVEN, display their two deer which they downed near Van Buren during the gun season. Malone, an employee in the sports dept. at Homestead Distributing Company, and his son downed the two bucks on the second day of the deer season.

Male baboons may weigh more than 70 pounds, twice as much as females.

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Minnesota 79, San Diego St. 68
Cincinnati 64, Dayton 62
SOUTHWEST
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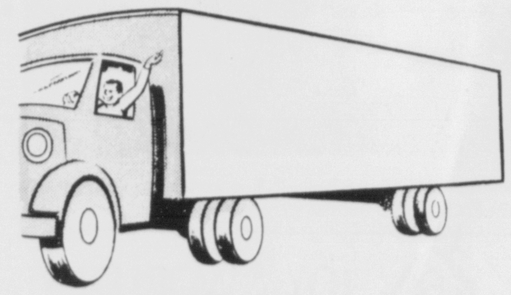

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Mrs. Kuehle's room
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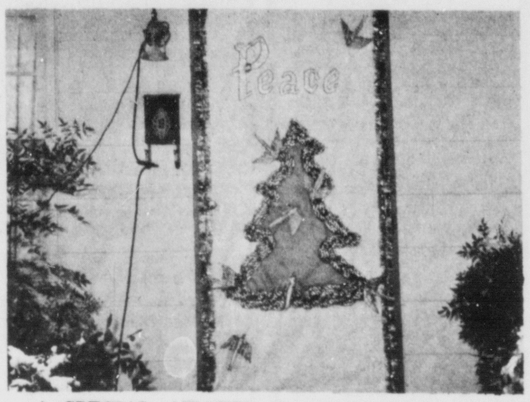
P.S. Don't forget Mom. Love.
Jon Johnson
Mrs. Kuehle's room
Lee Hunter School

FIRST PLACE WINNER in the door category of the Women's Improvement Club's Christmas lighting contest at East Prairie was Miss Mary Ellen Russell. The door, covered in crimson foil, was outlined with greenery decorated with multi-colored ornaments. A center wreath in the shape of a Christmas tree, featured crimson flowers and bows topped with a gold angel.



A SPECIAL AWARD was presented Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hunter for their door decoration in the East Prairie Christmas lighting contest. Blue tinsel outlined a light blue panel featuring a Christmas tree of turquoise shaped with gold roping. Gold doves fluttered over the door panel which was headed "Peace"

Washington Report
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SYMINGTON CITES PROGRESS IN VOCATIONAL TRAINING

WASHINGTON, D. C. - Nearing the close of the first session of the 91st Congress, the Senate completed action on appropriations for several programs of importance to Missouri including vocational education and job training.

During this decade, through action by Congress, past Administrations, and state and local agencies, major advances have been made in providing educational and job training opportunities for those young Americans who do not chose to, or are unable to attend college.

In this year's legislation the Senate approved $488.7 million for vocational education in local schools, or nearly double the amount proposed by the Administration. Included in the vocational education system is a special work - study program designed to assist approximately 50,000 needy non-college students during the coming months.

It is estimated that as a result of the Vocational Education Acts of 1963 and 1968, both of which I supported, 30.6 million young Americans have received special job oriented training before leaving high school. During 1968, a total of 110,172 Missouri students participated in the vocational education program compared with 81,485 in 1965.

In addition to vocational education programs, the Senate - passed bill includes major increases in funds available to local communities for adult job training and re-training. As a result of the Manpower Development and Training Acts of 1962 and 1968, approximately 2 million men and women have received job related training to meet employment needs in their local communities.

SIX MILLION AMERICANS. A number of other efforts have been launched in recent years to assist in meeting the need for non-college training, including the Concentrated Employment Program, Operation Mainstream for rural counties, Adult Education, New Careers, Special Impact and JOBS. Together these programs, developed and directed on the local level to meet local employment needs, have helped more than 6 million men and women, including many in Missouri.

It may also be noted that the educational provisions under the Cold War GI bill have provided one and a half million young veterans with post-service training. And through Federal grants and loans many community colleges and junior colleges in Missouri and throughout the nation have been aided in their efforts to provide special vocational training.

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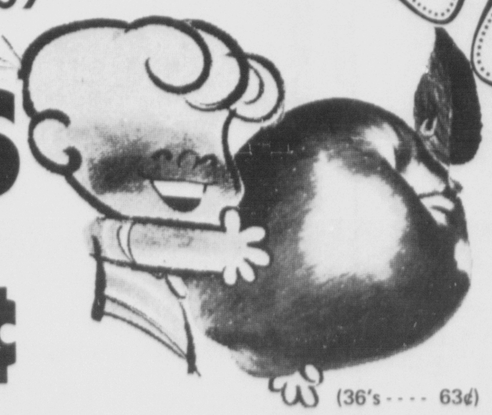

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF SCOTT COUNTY, MISSOURI at BENTON

In the estate of)
LESLIE EIFERT,)
deceased.)
Estate No. 3452

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF Leslie Eifert, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that a final settlement and petition for determination of the persons who are the successors in interest to the personal and real property of the decedent and of the extent and character of their interests therein and for distribution of such property, will be filed in the Probate Court of Scott County, Missouri by the undersigned on the 22nd day of January, 1969 or as continued by the court, and that any objections or exceptions to such settlement or petition or any item thereof must be in writing and filed within ten days after the filing of such settlement.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, Kenneth G. Liggons and Frances G. Liggons, his wife, by a certain Deed of Trust dated the 4th day of October, 1268, and recorded in the office of the Recorder of Deeds for the County of Scott and State of Missouri, in Book 162, Page 261, conveyed to H. F. Brehm, Trustee, the following described real estate situated in the County of Scott and State of Missouri, to-wit:

All of Lot Numbered Three (3), in Block Numbered Two (2), in McClure's Subdivision as Re-Platted, in Sikeston, Scott County, Missouri, as shown in Plat Book Number Eight (8) at Page Number Fourteen (14) thereof, in the office of the Recorder of Deeds of Said Scott County, Missouri, Excepting from the above all rights- of- way and easements, if any, affecting the same.

Which conveyance was made to the Trustee, H. F. Brehm, in trust to secure the payment of a certain Promissory Note in said Deed specified; and,

WHEREAS, said note is now past due and remains unpaid default having been made in the payment of said note.

And WHEREAS, the duly appointed Trustee H.F. Brehm, has declined to act or serve as Trustee and the undersigned is hereby empowered by said Deed of Trust to serve as successor or substitute Trustee, having heretofore been appointed to serve as such.

NOW, THEREFORE, at the request of the legal holder of said Note and in the pursuance of the conditions of said Deed of Trust the undersigned Trustee will sell the property above described at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash at the East front door of the County Court House in Benton, Scott County, Missouri, on December 26, 1969, between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. for the purpose of satisfying said indebtedness and the cost of executing this trust.

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Trustee

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AFRICAN CHILD of Northern Cameroon is covered with dust, revealing hygiene problems raised by lack of water. With only one doctor for every 77,000 persons, scarcity of water is a chief obstacle to better health. The government, with the help of UNICEF, is establishing a chain of "demonstration zones" in different areas, each designed to form the nucleus of a comprehensive rural health service.

Only 64 days of the year do not have a legal holiday somewhere in the world. The World Almanac says. July is the most crowded holiday month, having 29 days with observances. December has the fewest legal holidays with 21. No holiday enjoys universal legal recognition, but New Year's Day probably comes closest with 58 of 76 major nations celebrating the New Year on Jan. 1.

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WEDNESDAY EVENING			
5	30 The Regional News 45 The Scoreboard-Color 50 Watching the Weather-	30 Huntley-Brinkley	
6	00 CBS Evening News-Co 30 Hee Haw-Color	00 News Picture - c 30 Virginian -	00 Cactus Pete 25 Weather (C) 30 Flying Nun
7	30 Beverly Hillbillies		00 Courtship of Eddie's Father 30 Room 222 (C)
8	00 Medical Center-	00 Kraft Music Hall -	00 Wed Night Movie Busy Body
9	00 Hawaii Five-O-Color	:00 Then Came Bronson	
10	00 Channel 12 Reports 15 The Late Weather- 25 The Sports Final- 30 The Merv Griffin	00 News Picture - c :30 Accent - c	00 Weather & News :30 Joey Bishop (C)
11		11:00 Tonight Show -	
12	00 Late News Highlights		:0 News & Sign Off
THURSDAY MORNING			
6	00 Sunrise Semester-Color 30 Gospel Train-Color 45 Ch. 12 Breakfast Show-	30 TV Party Time	
7	00 CBS Morning News-Color 30 Ch. 12 Breakfast Show-	00 Today Show	
8	20 Thanksgiving Day Parade-	8-9 Pre-Thanksgiving Parade-c	
9	00 Lucy Show-CBS 30 Beverly Hillbillies	00 Macy's Parade-c	00 Jack Lalanne 30 Morning Movie
10	00 Andy Griffith Show- 30 Love of Life-Color	00 Personality - c 30 Hollywood Squares	
11	00 NFL Today-Color CBS (Minnesota at Detroit	00 Jeopardy - c 30 Eye Guess - 55 Edwin Newman	00 Bewitched 30 That Girl (C)
12	00 The Farm Picture- 05 The Noonday News- 20 Watching the Weather- 30 As the World Turns-	12:30 - AFL Game Denver at Kansas	:00 Dream House (C) :30 Lets Make A Deal
1	00 Love Many Splend Thing- 30 The Guiding Light-Color		00 Newlywed Game 30 Dating Game (C
2	00 The Secret Storm-Color 30 The Edge of Night-Color		00 General Hospital 30 One Life To Live
3	00 Gomer Pyle USMC-Color 30 Magic Castle Cartoon	c 3:00 AFL Game San Diego at Houston	:0 30
4	00 The Mike Douglas Show	00 Popeye - c 30 Rawhide -Ends Thurs. -Perry Mason	4:00 The Hour (C) 5:00 Cartoons 5:30 Evening News

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6	00 CBS Evening News-Co 30 Family Affair-Color	00 Pe[illegible]rt Little Dou[illegible] Boy - c	00 Cactus Pete 25 Weather (C) 30 Ghost & Mrs Muir
7	00 The Jim Nabors Hour	00 Bing Crosby Show -	00 That Girl 30 Bewitched
8	00 CBS Thursday Night Movie (The Americanization of Emily- Julie Andrews & James Garner)	00 Bob Hope Special -	00 Tom Jones
9		00 Dean Martin	00 It Takes A Thief
10	00 CHANNEL 12 REPORTS 15 THE LATE WEATHER- 25 THE SPORTS FINAL- 30 MERV GRIFFIN SHOW-(	00 News Picture 30 Tonight Show	00 Weather & News 30 Joey Bishop (C)
11			
12	05 LATE NEWS HIGHLIGHTS		00 News & Sign Off
FRIDAY MORNING			
6	00 BLACK HERITAGE-COLOR 30 GOSPEL TRAIN-COLOR 45 CH. 12 BREAKFAST SHOW-		
7	00 CBS MORNING NEWS 30 CH. 12 BREAKFAST SHOW-		
8	00 CAPTAIN KANGAROO-		
9	00 LUCY SHOW-CBS 30 BEVERLY HILLBILLIES-	00 Romper Room - c 25 Nancy Dickerson 30 Concentration -	00 Jack Lalanne 30 Morning Movie
10	00 ANDY GRIFFITH SHOW- 30 Love of Life-Col	00 Personality - c 30 Hollywood Squares	
11	00 Where The Heart Is- 25 Midday News-Color-C 30 Search for Tomorrow-	00 Jeopardy - c 30 Eye Guess - 55 Edwin Newman	00 Bewitched 30 That Girl
12	00 THE FARM PICTURE- 05 THE NOONDAY NEWS- 20 WATCHING THE WEATHER- 30 AS THE WORLD TURNS-	00 News, Farm Markets 15 Pastor Speaks - c :30 You're Putting Me On -	00 Dream House (C) 30 Lets Make A Deal
1	00 LOVE MANY SPLEND THING- 30 THE GUIDING LIGHT-(	:00 Days of our Lives :30 The Doctors -	00 Newlywed Game 30 Dating Game (
2	00 THE SECRET STORM- 30 THE EDGE OF NIGHT-	00 Another World 30 You Don't Say	00 General Hospital 30 One Life To Live
3	00 Gomer Pyle USMC-Color-C 30 THE MAGIC CASTLE CARTOON	00 Match Game - 25 Floyd Kalber 30 It Takes Two 55 Calendar -	00 Dark Shadows (C) 30 M-Modern Almanac T-W-T-Problems & Challenges F-Lawman
4	00 The Mike Douglas Show	00 Popeye 30 Rawhide	00 The Hour

The most decisive military victory in U.S. history came in the Battle of New Orleans on Jan. 8, 1815. According to The World Almanac, 3,500 U.S. troops under command of Gen. Andrew Jackson engaged 5,300 of the British. Enemy casualties numbered over 2,000, while the Americans lost only 71 men. Unknown to both sides, a peace treaty ending the war had been signed 15 days before the battle began.

Modern science has finally borne out what Popeye has been declaring for years: Spinach does provide more energy. The World Almanac says that nutrition experts at the National Academy of Sciences attest to the bright green leaf topping nearly all vegetables in all-round nutritive values. Spinach contains the most iron and vitamin A of all popular vegetables, with above-average doses of vitamin C and calcium.

Frankly Speaking

By

THOMAS F. EAGLETON
U.S. Senator—Missouri

CHRISTMAS 1969

A politician can hardly resist the temptation to bubble over with good cheer at this season of the year. Christmas is a time of happiness and joy -- and politicians who may disagree on everything else are unanimous in their support of happiness and joy.

Frankly speaking, I have become a bit of a Scrooge about Christmas. I treasure the date as one of deep religious and moral significance. But I deplore the way in which it has been so horribly over - commercialized and impersonalized.

As citizens of an enormously prosperous nation, I feel that we too often unwittingly tend to measure the depth of our tribute to Christ with such tangibles as gifts, parties, cards and the like.

I have observed people shopping in some of our giant stores with long lists of names and dollars amounts indicating the cost of the presents which they received last year. The unmuttered motto seems to be "I'm not going to be outdone this year!"

In Washington, D. C., Christmas time is "party time." Almost every organization which has any kind of legislative ax to grind has a Christmas party to wish all of the Congressmen and Senators a "Merry Christmas" and a very merry voting new year in 1970, it goes without saying.

The Post Office Department has to double its mail delivery service to get all of the cards and packages distributed.

There are even some persons who are so busy in this work - a - day world that they don't have time to compile a list of personal friends to whom to send Christmas cards. So they buy a mailing list of names and off go thousands and thousands of heartfelt greetings to thousands and thousands of unknown names on a mailing list. For instance, I was thrilled to receive a particularly garish card from a cheese company in Wisconsin. It warmed my heart that they were thinking of me way out there.

But, alas, even the Scrooge of Charles Dickens found that his veneer of detached isolation could not resist the spirit of Christmas.

I, therefore, cast aside my petty irritations over those who abuse the simple, but grand, beauty of the occasion and express my inner hopes.

We celebrate the birth of Christ, the Prince of Peace. It is my prayerful hope, under the guidance of God, that we can move closer to the day when in truth there is peace on earth ... peace in a war - torn world where major conflagrations abound ... peace in our cities where the divisions and bitterness of racial turmoil continue to simmer and sometimes boil -- peace of mind to the citizenry of a troubled, divided but great nation which struggles to reconcile its noble precepts with some of its less noble practices.

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

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Coffee Corner

—by Cherie—

As if decorating a house, and tree, baking cookies, buying and wrapping gifts, making candy, and helping Charles out at the office wasn't enough, I also had to go and have a tonsillectomy thrown in there for good measure! No, it wasn't me, but the young one Brete who trotted off last Tuesday like the brave soul he was, and who emerged unscathed from the whole ordeal. I'm still sick!!! Not that I didn't have perfect confidence in the good doctor who performed the operation, cause I did. I just didn't have perfect confidence in Brete's ability to stop bleeding and, or keep breathing. I tell you that was the longest half hour I ever spent in my life. I offered to assist in surgery thinking this way I'd know for sure ever breath he took, ——— but unfortunately, I was turned down. Why, they wouldn't even let me peek through a crack in the door! However, thanks to the fact that it was early in the morning and all the doctors (gee doctors can be sweet), were coming in for their morning rounds, it wasn't really too bad, cause everyone of them went in to look at Brete for me and assure me he was still alive - there were six so that made one every 5 minutes and that helped a lot. I'll bet Brete's poor doctor felt like he was on parade, but I love him, cause he didn't say one ugly word to me about that steady stream of visitors, and he just shook his head once or twice - he's a very dear and old friend and he understands about mamas and their hyper tensions. However, speaking of tensions - Charles who kept telling me to quit acting like a goose cause there was nothing to be nervous about, got me up two hours early (it was dawn and I'd just gotten to sleep after at least 16 operations), cracked his knuckles till I thought I'd scream, and then forgot to bring the childs suitcase up and had to go back for it - boy I'm glad I was nervous and not Charles! Anyway, alls well that ends well, and if you'd like to see 2 fat tonsils and 1 puffy adnoid, drop by the house and look at the jar sitting in a place of honor on the bar in the den. Ugh - bugs or innards, I don't know which is worse - one thing I do know for sure, don't ever unscrew any lids around our house cause you might just get more than you bargained for!

Merry Christmas All!

Looking Back

Ogilvie Daughter Home

50 Years Ago
December 24, 1919

Miss Emma Ogilvie, who is attending school in St. Louis this winter, arrived Friday to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Erma Ogilvie.

Ralph Potashnick, Ned Tanner, nd Billie Smith are home from Western Military Academy to spend a two weeks vacation with their parents.

The Ford truck has been put to a new use. Thursday night of last week Heub Williams, J.W. Pitman and Clarence Felker went rabbit hunting, using the front lights to blind the rabbits. They succeded in getting three in this way when the lights failed them. In olden days when deer were plentiful, pine tourches were used to "shine" the deer at night so they could be shot.

Mrs. F.M. Sikes entertained the following guests at dinner Monday evening: Mr. and Mrs. Ned Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. Ranney Applegate, Mr. and Mrs. Emory Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. Thornton Wilson, Miss Mary Ross and Will Sikes.

40 Years Ago
December 24, 1929

Jack Watson, mother and sister have moved in the apartment recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Phelps.

Mr. and Mrs. Lon J. Ables announce the birth of a little son born December 7.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Polk are planning to move to Poplar Bluff in the near future.

Dear Santa Claus: I am seven years old. Mrs. Davis is my teacher. Please bring me a doll and a little rocking chair, and some mixed candy and a pair of skates. Do not forget my little brothers and I sure will thank you lots. Your good friend, Mary Waldman.

30 Years Ago
December 24, 1939

Mr. and Mrs. Kendall Sikes are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son Saturday at Southeast Missouri Hospital in Cape Girardeau. The child has been named Alfred Calvin II.

Sikeston Public School news. Evelyn Klein, freshman representative, reigned as queen of the Junior Carnival held Friday night at the high school gym.

The Dillion Theater in Morehouse will open today in the former Dan Ulen building, which has been extensively remodeled. Latest equipment has been installed to make it a first class theater. It will seat 400 p ons. W.H. Dillon is the owner nd his son, Kinnard Dillon ill be manager.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Childress are parents of a son born at St. Mary's Infirmery in Cairo, Ill., Monday afternoon.

20 Years Ago
December 24, 1949

Mrs. W.H. Branum, 76, Hornersville, mother of P.V. Branum of Sikeston, died at noon on the 22nd according to the word received by Mr. and Mrs. Branum.

Christmas is always a special occasion for all families but from this year on it will be more significant for three distnict couples. They are parents of babies born Christmas Day at the Delta Community Hospital. First to arrive was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Vandergriff of East Prairie. The second was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edsel Wylie of Lilbourn. An infant boy, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Loveless Kitchens of Bloomfield, was the third to be born on Christmas.

Funeral services for Doyle P. Cloud, 31, manager of the Dunn Hotel Coffee Shop, who died in a St. Louis Hospital Christmas night of a cerebral hemorrhage, were held at the Christian Church today.

Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Carroll are parents of a daughter born today at the Delta Community Hospital. The daughter has been named Bonnie Jean. Mrs. Carroll is the former Miss Bonnie New of Matthews.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Schuenenberg are parents of a son born at the hospital on the 20th. He has been named Paul Mitchell Schuerenberg.

One Arrest

DEXTER - Carl O. Jerrel, Dexter, was arrested Monday at 9:10 p.m. on a charge of drinking and driving, police said.

Centuries ago the Spanish believed that copper grew in the ground. They thought if an exhausted copper mine was left alone, it would become productive again.

PACKAGES routed through the post office reached its peak over the weekend. The peak of delivery to homes was today. Bobby Gentry sorts packages and at right is Bill Guess with back to camera.

Mail Box

Mr. Blanton,

I thought that you might like to see this. This was written by a 13 year old scout of my scout troop. He delivered this letter to a group of scouters at Two Tonys this past week. This would be some good news for the paper.

Respectuflly yours
in scouting
Jerry A. Hampton
Scoutmaster
Troop 41 Sikeston, Mo.
(written by Star Scout Prince McDougal).

Merry Christmas to you Sir, and your family.

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WHAT SCOUTING MEANS TO ME
Prince McDougal

Scouting, to me means being amongs friends, new friends, and old friends. The boys and men who do not participate in scouting do not, in my opinion know what they're missing. Most people, when Scouting is mentioned instantly vision boys camping outdoors. This is what I think of, being among nature and feeling close to God. But Scouting is much more. It's proving things to yourself that you never believe yourself capable of before. It makes men and boys feel closer together. It give you an inner proudness that only scouts feel, no matter what rank or age. Scouting is not as much the uniform but the attitude only scouts know.

It means the scout law, the oath, the motto and slogan. It means hiking along a river, frying bacon oven an open fire, diving into a cold sleeping bag. It means being with your patrol and troop at meetings, working on merit badges, and passing requirements. It means being able to visit historic trails where our forefathers have fought and died, to visit unchanged forests, streams, and plains. It means being among friends for Scouting is a fellowship of men and boys. But most of all it means being close to God, for God holds Scouting up.

The Prayer
from The Upper Room

For unto us a child is born . . . and his name shall be called Wonderful, Consellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The prince of Peaces. (Isiah 6:6)

PRAYER: Help us to remember that as the children of God we must be peacemakers, even when positive, action is involved. Help us to remember that we must be our brother's brother. Keep in our hearts the knowledge that it is in acts of peace making that men see the face of God. Amen.

The word "monsoon"—periodic winds in certain latitudes—comes from the Arabic word "mausim" which means a time, a season. At first monsoon referred to the winds over the Arabian Sea, which blow six months from the northeast and six months from the southwest, says The World Almanac. Later the word was used to refer to similar winds in other parts of the world. In India, the southwest monsoon is almost synonymous with "rain" which the wind brings.

If You Were the Judge

Heat in Lease Must Be Spelled Out

By Jack Strauss, LL.B.

Rufus rented an apartment from Mr. Hoople under a lease that required Mr. Hoople, as landlord, to supply Rufus with heat. Rufus, was an artist who painted nude and lightly clad models for a living. While the attractive models may have kept Rufus's mind off the temperature, the models complained bitterly that the apartment was too cold for them to feel in the nude to work.

Consequently, Rufus finally packed up his canvases and smock and vacated the apartment. When he did, Mr. Hoople sued him to collect the rent still due under the unexpired portion of his lease.

"Now I know why Gainsborough painted 'The Blue Boy,'" stated Rufus in court. "His miserly landlord didn't give him enough heat and neither did mine. Thus, I had a right to move."

"That's not so," retorted Mr. Hoople. "I gave him all the heat the law required. Not one degree more and not one degree less. If his models required more heat," concluded the landlord, "Rufus should have rented a steam bath as a studio and not an apartment."

IF YOU WERE THE JUDGE, would you require Rufus to pay the rent for the unexpired portion of his lease?

This is how the judge ruled: YES! The judge held that under his lease, Mr. Hoople was obligated to supply heat. But it was not part of his lease to have to supply more heat than normal in order to satisfy the needs of nude or partially dressed women.

(Based upon a 1964 New York Civil Court Decison)

ARMED FORCES

AN KHE, VIETNAM (AHTNC) -- Army Private First Class Roy L. Williams, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman R. Williams, Lilbourn, Mo., was assigned Nov. 11 to the 60th Artillery near An Khe, Vietnam, as an automatic weapons crewman.

His wife, Elizabeth, lives in Clayton.

BARBS

By PHIL PASTORET

Be kind to your nurse. You have a choice between getting your back rubbed or your neck wrung, at bedtime.

Disgruntled patient says one reason the hospitals are so crowded is because of the lethal effects of their coffee.

Be sure you know how to drive a bargain before you buy one.

In the hospital, they give you something to make you sleep — and yank you wide-awake to give it to you.

The Housatonic River, which rises in Washington, Mass., flows down through Connecticut and empties into Long Island Sound, is noted by The World Almanac to be 148 miles in length. Its course is famous for its rich foliage and rustic beauty, so much so that Oliver Wendell Holmes was once prompted to pun: "The best of all tonics is the Housatonic."

Marriage Licenses Placed on File

BLOOMFIELD - Marriage licenses field by the recorder, Mrs. Ethal Crities:

Leonard Elmer Rampley Jr. and Carol Ann Scherffuis, both of Bell City; Aubrey Keith Hammon and Flora Eveline Foster, both of Puxico; Bobby Joe Hays and Laura Belle Manley, both of Doniphan;

Steven Sherwood Davis of Dexter and Lyndia Kaye Leirer of Bloomfield; and James Franklin Smith and Mary Alice Hunt of East Prairie.

Four Arrests

DEXTER— Willis Dement was arrested Sunday on a charge of being drunk and disorderly and assaulting a police officer. Web Reeves was also arrested on the same charge, police said.

Bruce Walker and Lonnie W. Beasley was arrested on charges of careless and imprudent driving, police said.

William Sommer was arrested for speeding.

Currently in the United States, 70 per cent of its 200 million people live on slightly more than 1 per cent of the land. The other 30 per cent live on the remaining 99 per cent of the land, in small towns, in rural areas or on farms. The World Almanac notes that about 11.6 million persons, or less than 6 per cent of the population, were living on farms in 1966.

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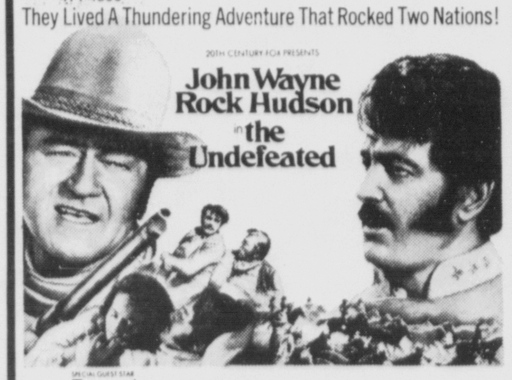

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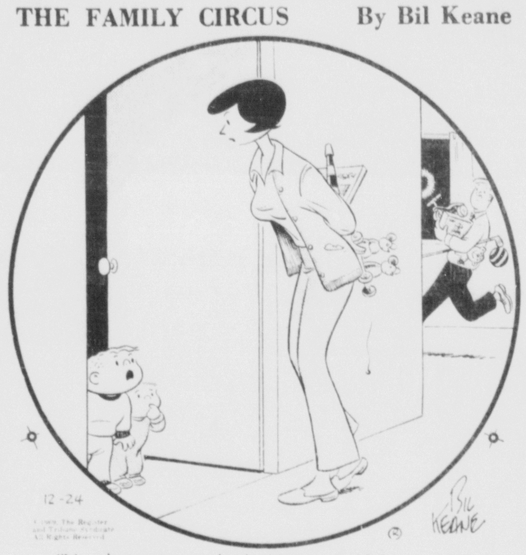

"You better go to bed, Mommy! If Santa sees you're still up he might not stop here!"

CARNIVAL By Dick Turner

"Hey, Sis, how about lending me one of your panty-stockings?"

TIZZY by Kate Osann

"The next time I'm asked to baby-sit for you my price is going up—and it won't be because of inflation!"

Today In U.S. History

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Wednesday, Dec. 24, the 358th day of 1969. There are seven days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On this date in 1814, the United States and England signed the Treaty of Ghent in Belgium ending the War of 1812.

On this date:

In 1524, the Portuguese navigator who discovered the sea route to India, Vasco da Gama, died.

In 1650, Edinburgh Castle in Scotland surrendered to the forces of Oliver Cromwell.

In 1865, a secret order called the Ku Klux Klan was organized in Pulaski, Tenn.

In 1942, France's Admiral Darlan was assassinated in Algiers.

In 1943, President Franklin D. Roosevelt announced Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower would command Allied forces in the coming invasion of Europe.

In 1949, a new Christmas song swept the country. It was called "Rudolph, the Red-nosed Reindeer."

Ten years ago — The State Department announced that the United States and Russia would resume negotiations for a settlement of Russia's World War II lend-lease debts.

Five years ago — An American officer's billet was bombed in Saigon; two were killed and 98 injured.

One year ago — The Apollo 8 astronauts orbited the moon and sent back a Christmas Eve prayer for peace.

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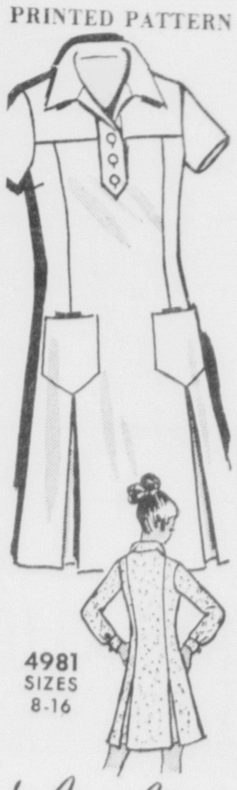

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by Anne Adams

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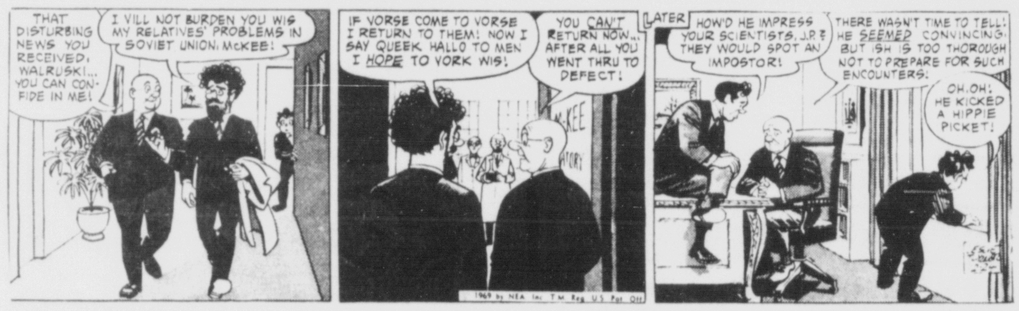

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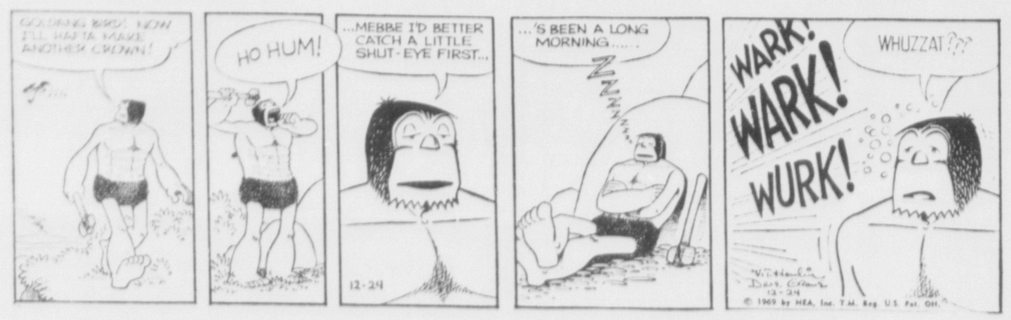

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"I'm the same age as my wife . . . whatever she says that is!"

STAR GAZER

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ARIES MAR. 21 APR. 19	1 Young	31 You	61 Good
17-18-19-29 42-46-87	2 New	32 Happy	62 Come
	3 Be	33 Your	63 Season's
TAURUS APR. 20 MAY 20	4 Opposite	34 Being	64 The
11-13-40-43 70-76-79-84	5 Folks	35 Cards	65 Cheer
	6 Faces	36 Delayed	66 Good
GEMINI MAY 21 JUNE 20	7 Spirit	37 Packages	67 And
	8 Are	38 Today	68 You're
23-41-47-49 62-69-74	9 Indicated	39 And	69 To
	10 Of	40 Cheer	70 Inspiration
CANCER JUNE 21 JULY 22	11 Spread	41 Startling	71 Remember
	12 Love	42 May	72 You
3-44-48-57 63-66-73	13 Good	43 And	73 Cheer
	14 Sex	44 Thankful	74 Light
LEO JULY 23 AUG. 22	15 Pervades	45 Friend	75 Too
	16 Tries	46 Cause	76 Where
52-54-56-64 77-78-83	17 Delays	47 Facts	77 Truth
	18 In	48 For	78 Will
VIRGO AUG. 23 SEPT. 22	19 Greeting	49 May	79 You
	20 An	50 Cards	80 Greeting
1- 5- 8-21 27-68-75-88	21 Irritating	51 Best	81 You
	22 To	52 Ask	82 Friends
	23 Some	53 For	83 Out
	24 Make	54 Pertinent	84 Can
	25 Today	55 May	85 May
	26 Oldtime	56 Questions	86 Occur
	27 It	57 The	87 Concern
	28 Surprising	58 Spreading	88 Indulgent
	29 Events	59 Disappoint	89 Today
	30 Dear	60 May	90 Today
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LIBRA SEPT. 23 OCT. 22 — 36-37-39-50 55-59-81-89
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PISCES FEB. 19 MAR. 20 — 4-14-16-22 24-31-32-90

Good · Adverse · Neutral

Christmas

ACROSS

1 Christmas —
6 — Claus
11 Street show
12 Track worn by passage
13 Bracelet
14 Inflammation (med.)
16 Equalizing allowance
17 Craw
19 Fabric of metal threads
20 Bullfight cheer
21 Japanese coin
22 Seine
23 Former mattress filler
26 Girl's name
27 Child's game
28 Make identical in value
30 Tenant in prison
33 Story point (coll.)
34 Close to
35 Conclusive
40 Light brown
41 Conducted
42 Deputy (ab.)
43 And others (ab.)
45 Entire
46 Heredity factor
47 Flinch
49 Oxygenate
51 Triumphant hands at bridge
52 Combine
53 Rhythm
54 Jewish festival

DOWN

1 — in Bethlehem
2 Given by fingers
3 Work units
4 Teleost fish
5 Came out again
6 Pack
7 Craft
8 Sharp metal peg
9 Wife of Oberon
10 Food
13 Dolt (slang)
15 Bristles
18 Collection of quotes
21 Statuary (ab.)
24 Asterisk
25 "Good King —"
26 Small casks
29 Chew of tobacco
30 Bury
31 Tidiest
32 Fetter
36 Cloth measure
37 Form a notion
38 Abdomen (anat.)
39 Fencing sword
44 Friable soil
45 Too
46 Storage battery plate
48 Little devil
50 Compass point

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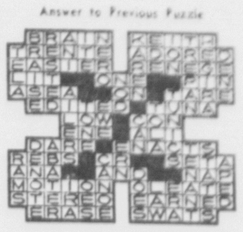

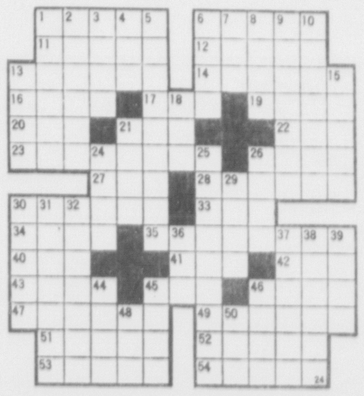

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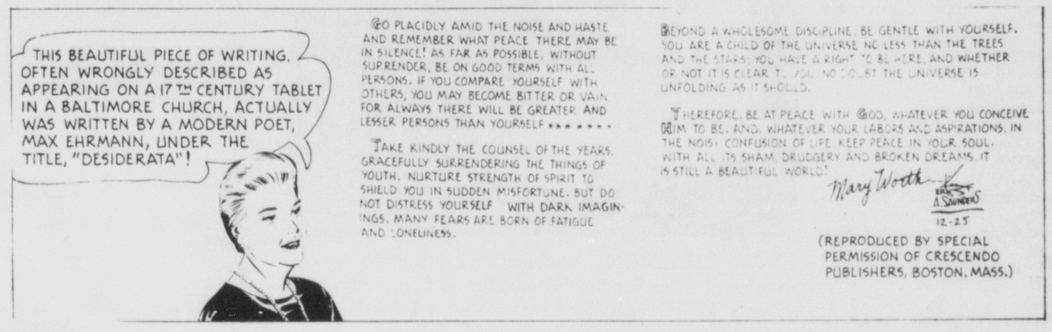

DUNCE CAP is not standard equipment for Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen. Photographer John Bowen's camera angle caused juxtaposition of statue and church steeple in Tromso, Norway.

TIZZY by Kate Osann

"Margie always saves the ribbons from her Christmas presents to tie up her love letters. Boy! Is she up to here in ribbons!"

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"I didn't get a raise after all, Pet. The office made a mistake and gave me my deductions instead of my take-home pay!"

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Zip into action first thing in the morning in this zip-front skimmer that's simple and streamlined. You'll like the curved collar, bold pocket.

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3 Good	33 Your	63 To
4 Be	34 With	64 Keep
5 Remember	35 Change	65 Cause
6 Luck	36 New	66 Energies
7 Prepared	37 Your	67 Them
8 Is	38 Home	68 Be
9 Secret	39 Sacred	69 Doings
10 To	40 Studies	70 Sapped
11 Harmony	41 Personal	71 Take
12 There's	42 Or	72 Heart
13 Promise	43 Move	73 Sings
14 Reigns	44 Sudden	74 Plans
15 Cut	45 Out	75 So
16 For	46 You	76 By
17 Through	47 Your	77 Inventory
18 In	48 Improve	78 In
19 Starting	49 Into	79 Of
20 All	50 At	80 Yourself
21 Of	51 Use	81 Your
22 Someone	52 You	82 Intellect
23 Red	53 Well	83 Your
24 Of	54 Down	84 Circle
25 Might	55 Office	85 Holiday
26 Tape	56 This	86 Activities
27 Let	57 Don't	87 High
28 Deal	58 Promises	88 Gear
29 A	59 Let	89 Heed
30 Exciting	60 Period	90 It

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People and Things

ACROSS

1 Companion of Dick and Harry
4 Pigeon
8 "Anna and the King of ——"
12 Screen director Lupino
13 Regrets
14 Competent
15 Unit of wire measurement
16 Indispensable
18 Enrolls
20 Relieved
21 Worm
22 Enthusiastic ardor
24 Semiprecious gem
26 Scheme
27 Obscure
30 Payment back
32 Unruffled
34 More tranquil
35 Expunges
36 Exist
37 Clamps
39 Cravats
40 Hybrid animal
41 Pronoun
42 Flavor
45 Green crops for fodder
49 Merchandise marking
51 Inlet
52 River in France
53 Indolent
54 Falsehood
55 Light touches
56 Plant ovule
57 Abstract being

DOWN

1 Measurable duration
2 Norse god
3 Ductile
4 Attire
5 Remove, as from office
6 Ship, for instance
7 Compass point
8 Archfiend
9 Wading bird
10 Winglike processes
11 Term in pinochle
17 Tidier
19 Moslem religion
23 Misplaces
24 Killer whale
25 Fruit
26 Position of jeopardy
27 Pleasing
28 Arrow poison
29 Disorder
31 Holding right
33 Musteline mammal
38 Rearing
40 Fashions
41 Toured afoot
42 Cease
43 Operatic solo
44 Time gone by
46 Shield bearing
47 Acquire
48 Organs of sight
50 Wrong (prefix)

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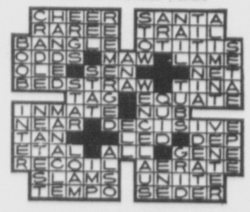

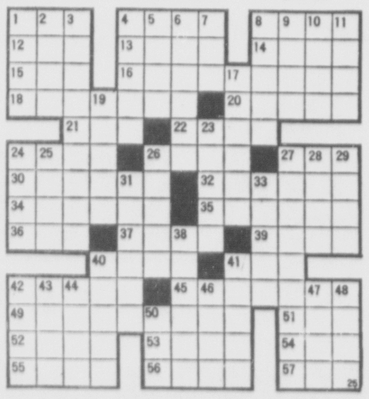

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Local Stocks

	BID	ASK
1st Nt. Bk. of Sik.	5¾	6½
Anheuser Busch	71½	71¾
Ark Mo Power	13	13½
Calverts Explor	5	5¼
Clinton Oil	8¾	9
Frontier Tower	2	2½
Hamilton Cosco	12	
Olson Bros.	3	3¼
Malone & Hydee	19¼	19¾
Mo Beef Packers	24¾	
Pabst Brewing	44½	45¼
R. H. Medical	16½	17½
Wetterau	24	24¾
LISTED STOCKS		
Airlift Int.		2
Allied Stores		27¼
Amer Tel & Tel		49¾
Chrysler		33¾
Columbia Gas		25¼
Eaton Mfg.		39¾
Ford Motors		41¾
New Eng. Elec.		20¾
Transogram		13½

EDITORS NOTE: The bid price is the approximate price if one were a seller and the asked price is the approximate price if one were a buyer.

Quotations furnished by Hugh T. McCollum registered representative for Fusz Schmelzle and Co. 1405 East Malone. Phone 471-5350.

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FAT HOGS-
Market Range:
190 lbs. to 240 lbs - $27.50 to $28.30
160 lbs. to 180 lbs. - $25.00 to $27.30
140 lbs. to 150 lbs. - $24.00 to $30.00
Shotas-
60 lbs. to 130 lbs. - $25.00 to $35.00
SOWS:
400 lbs. down - $21.00 to $23.00
Total Cattle 240 Head
BURCHER CATTLE-
Choice - $28.00 to $28.50
Good - $27.50 to $28.00
Commercial - $25.00 to $27.00
Utility - $24.00 to $25.00
Canners and Cutters - $17.50 to $22.00
Veal - $25.00 to $40.00
Bulls - $22.00 to $25.00
STOCKER CALVES-
Choice - $35.00 to $36.00
Good - $33.00 to $35.00
Medium - $30.00 to $31.00
Plain - $26.00 to $28.00
STOCKER COWS-
Choice - $21.50 to $22.50
Good - $21.00 to $22.00
Medium - $20.50 to $20.75
Plain - $20.00 to $19.00

REMARKS - Hog top was $28.30 on No. 1. Butcher hogs in good demand, with sows steady to strong. We will have several good feeder hogs here next Monday. Cattle market was steady. We had a light run for Christmas vacation. Expect a good run for next week.

Earl McCallister

JOEL MONTGOMERY writes a check for the Sikeston Jaycees Tree of Lights campaign. The funds raised provides Christmas toys, candy and fruit for needy children.

RUSS HARMON, manager of Hart's Bakery, presented a check for the Jaycee Tree of Lights campaign to Larry Miller, campaign chairman. The funds raised provide toys, candy and fruit to needy children.

MODEL CHAPEL

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP) "We're told we have the largest interdenominational campus religious program in the nation," says the Rev. Dr. John H. McCombe, dean of the Syracuse University Chapel. Up to 1,000 gatherings monthly are scheduled there. Students plan the worship services and other events.

"We see the chapel not as a museum for religion but as a laboratory," Dr. McCombe says. "Apparently we are developing a model which can be used by other campuses. They come here to study our chapel activities."

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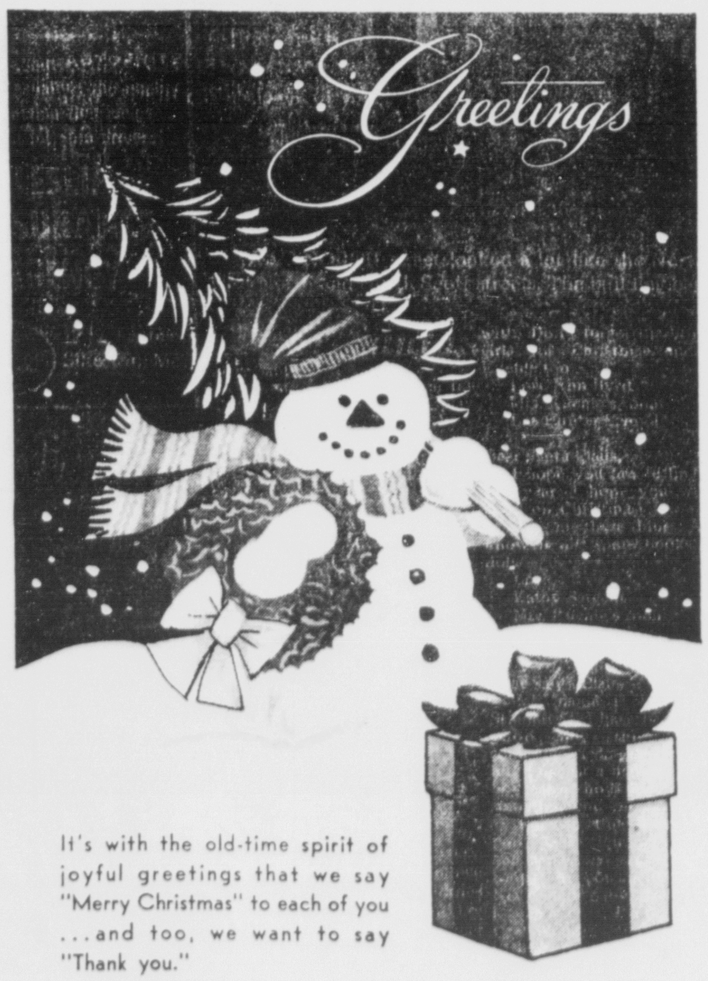

It's with the old-time spirit of joyful greetings that we say "Merry Christmas" to each of you ...and too, we want to say "Thank you."

A Glorious Christmas
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OBITUARY

FRANK CARTER

CAPE GIRARDEAU - Frank Carter, 16 North Park, a barber for 62 years, died this morning in a Cape Girardeau hospital after an illness of several weeks.

Born June 19, 1886, in the State of Kentucky, Mr. Carter was 83 years old.

Mr. Carter married the former Miss Addie Mercer Dec. 23, 1909 near Morley. She survives.

He began at the age of 19, and was owner and operator of Carter's Barber Shop, located in the old First National Bank building on Main street.

Since relocation of the bank, Mr. Carter had barbered in various shops here.

He moved to this city from Oran in 1928, and was a member of the First Baptist Church, where he served as a deacon. He was also head usher at the church and was a member of the BMU Sunday School class.

Survivors include two sons, Cline Carter, Sikeston, and Shannon Carter, Lompoc, Calif.; three daughters, Mrs. W. R. Stewart, Mount Morris, Mich., Mrs. James Hannum, Pontiac, Mich., and Mrs. T. J. Seabaugh, Kansas City; nine grandchildren, and 14 great - grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1:30 Thursday afternoon at Ford and Sons Funeral Home with Dr. W. T. Holland, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Park.

Friends may call at the funeral home after 7 tonight.

Two Retiring Directors of Bank Honored

CAPE GIRARDEAU - Lyman A. Matthews, former president, and Fred A. Groves, director, were honored by First National Bank officials and personnel at the institution's annual Christmas dinner and party at the Country Club Saturday night.

Matthews, who now resides in Ellington with his daughter, was here for the event. He was elected to the board on March 6, 1947.

Groves has served as a director of First National since Jan. 10, 1950.

Each director was presented a plaque marking "recognition of his distinguished service" to the bank. They will officially retire from the board on Dec. 31.

Replacing them on the bank's board are Charles L. Drury, president of Drury Tile & Plaster Co., and George H. Wrape, president of Central Foods Inc.

Robert F. Ludwig was master of ceremonies for the dinner and presentation. Music for dancing which followed was provided by Fred Horrell and The Flames.

Dinner music was provided by Bob Williamson and Jeff Comer of Sikeston and Miss Debbie Collins, a senior in the high school at Sikeston, sang.

Misrepresentation Charged of Tax Increase Foes

ST. LOUIS AP - Opponents of the Missouri income tax increase to become law Jan. 1 have misrepresented the legislation, State Rep. Harold Volkmer, D-Hannibal, said in a statement Monday.

The opposition is led by Sen. Earl Blackwell of Hillsboro, who said he has enough signatures on a petition to force a referendum on the tax hike, thereby preventing it from becoming law until after an election.

Volkmer said he doubts Blackwell or any of his supporters "has bothered to read the law and attempted to understand its full scope."

The recently - enacted measure hikes coprporation taxes from 2 to 5 per cent and sets rates of 1 to 6 per cent on individual incomes, reaching the maximum at the $9,000 net income level.

The Hannibal Democrat said under the new tax schedule, 350,000 Missourians will pay less, there will be no increase for another 350,000 and about 850,000 will pay a "moderate increase."

He sais one-half of the corporate tax increase will simply be diverted from the federal to the state governments and the corporations will deduct the increase from their federal taxes.

JOURNALISTIC REBUTTAL

LETHBRIDGE, Alberta, Can. (AP) City Clerk John Gerla, in response to a request for water by members of the press attending council meetings, recently provided it in an old mop bucket complete with dipper. He later capitulated and provided a pitcher of water.

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joy, of "Peace on Earth, Good Will toward Men." In this

gladsome season, when we celebrate anew

the marvels of the first Christmas, we reflect reverently

upon the meaning and Miracle of Bethlehem.

With our friends and neighbors, we share the quiet contentment

and high happiness of this holy Day, and we

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of everyday business and to send, to one and

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In Holiday Mood, Carols Tell Story of Reverence and Joy

HANGING MISTLETOE

Hanging mistletoe in the home is a tradition which originated with Druid priests. These ancients believed the plant was a sign of peace and hope.

"O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem! Come and behold Him, born the King of angels!"

"Adeste Fideles" or "Jingle, Bells," "Silent Night" or "White Christmas" — across the years, hymns, carols and songs have been mankind's way of expressing the joy of Christmas.

From simple melodies sung in the family circle to the majesty of Handel's oratorio, "The Messiah," music and song seem to be the natural way to celebrate Christmas.

Singing First Carol

Singing of the first Christmas carol is attributed to St. Francis of Assisi and his followers, in the 13th century.

St. Francis arranged a Nativity scene and led the singing of songs of praise to the Christ Child.

About Many Things

Subjects and themes for early carols were many and varied.

English people sang of the holly and the ivy and the wassail bowl. More religious in theme were the English songs traditionally sung between scenes of mystery and miracle plays.

In Germany, France and Belgium, the visit of the Magi was a popular theme for carols. Other carols told stories from the Bible or legends from nature.

Luther Led Way

From the 15th to the 18th century, Christmas music found a particularly eager audience in Germany. Martin Luther, who believed music was a form of worship, helped to encourage the composition and performance of Christmas hymns.

Luther himself wrote the words for "Away in a Manger," and the music for "Unto Us a Boy Is Born" and "Good News from Heaven." Grouped into a choir, his children sang these songs.

Christmas Outlawed

The joyous songs of Christmas fell upon hard times in 17th century England. An act of Parliament, in 1644, forbade the observance of Christmas as a feast day.

Long after the custom of Christmas was revived, the art of carol singing languished.

A happy change occurred when, in 1719, Dr. Isaac Watts wrote and introduced to his congregation the carol, "Joy to the World." This was the forerunner of modern Christmas carols.

For Concert Halls

Christmas music for the concert halls began to be created after the Reformation.

Italy introduced the Christmas concerto, during the 17th and 18th centuries. Corelli's "Christmas Concerto" is perhaps the best known of this kind of Christmas music.

In Puritan England, the oratorio became a popular form of music, thought to represent the righteousness in man. Handel's "Messiah" was performed and admired for this expression of pious sentiment, with little consideration for its relationship to the story of the Nativity.

It was not until about 1900 that "The Messiah" began to be performed primarily at Christmas time.

In America

In America, the composition of carols began to flourish during the 1800's, and three favorite carols sung today are from that period.

"It Came upon a Midnight Clear," one of the earliest American carols, was written by the Rev. Edmund H. Sears (1810-1876) as a poem. It was later set to music.

"We Three Kings of Orient Are," was first published in 1859. The Rev. John Henry Hopkins, Jr., wrote both the words and the music.

"O Little Town of Bethlehem" was written by Bishop Phillips Brooks in 1868, as an expression of his feelings after a visit to Bethlehem.

Music for the carol has been attributed to Lewis H. Redner, an American organist, and also to a tune from early English hymnals.

O, Holy Night, when all the world was still. There, in the distance, shone a mighty star with a luster that burns brightly now in the hearts of all men of good will. May thoughts of that first Christmas bring peace to all.

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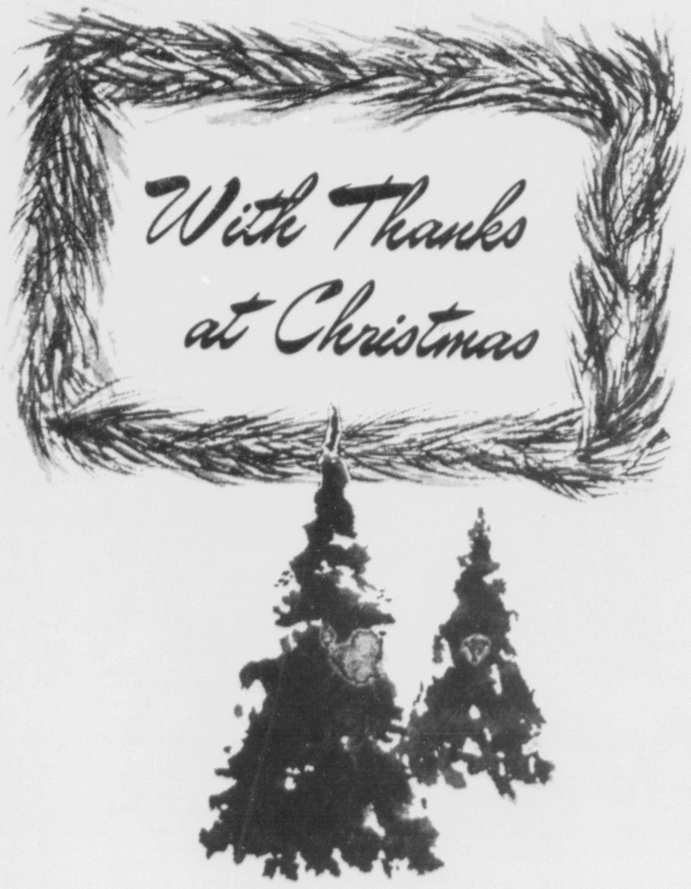

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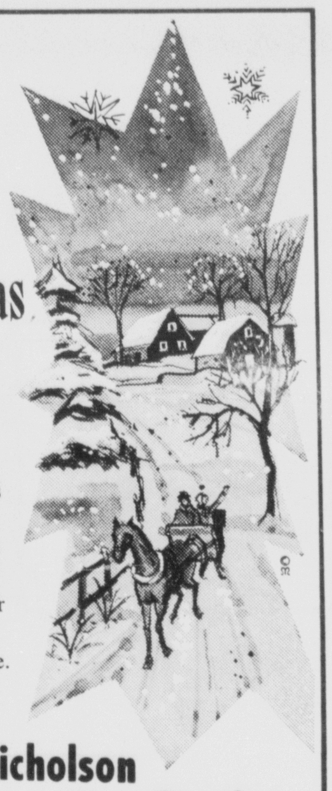

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Tidings Of Great Joy

(As recorded in Luke 2:1-20)

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was Governor of Syria.

And all went to be taxed, every one unto his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem (because he was of the house and lineage of David).

To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And, so it was, that while they were alone, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone 'round about them; and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them:

Fear not; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying:

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men of good will.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another:

Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known to us.

And they came with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning the child.

And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the Shepherds.

But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart.

And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

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YOUR SUN - PERSONALITY
BY MARIA ELISE CRUMMERS

One of the world's most celebrated astrologists, Maria Elise Crummere is a teacher, lecturer, and writer, a regular contributor to THE ASTROLOGICAL REVIEW, and a former officer of the Astrological Guild of America. Her horoscope column regularly appears in VOGUE Magazine, and she also holds the unique position of Resident Astrologer for the rock musical, HAIR.

Now Mrs. Crummere has written a book to guide the general reader to an understanding of the important second step in astrological analysis. YOUR SUN - PERSONALITY, an Avon paperback original, is the first book in general distribution to explain the vital significance of the rising sign (the sign determined by the TIME of a person's birth) in the astrological interpretation of personality.

Initially, Mrs. Crummere provides the reader with a basic understanding of the twelve zodiacal signs, outlining the traits of each in the areas of personality, love, business, and marriage. With this foundation, the reader is then guided to a deeper evaluation of this personality by means of an interpretation of the influence of his rising sign. Personality charts – broken down according to the hours of the day for each of the twelve signs – make it possible for the reader to recognize his rising sign at a glance.

"Astrology," writes the author, "can and will show how to 'time' every event in your life so that so that what you will, will endure ... This will open to you a simple path, the magic of which can free you forever from indecision, stagnation, and frustration, giving you a happier life and more time to do the pleasurable things you want to do."

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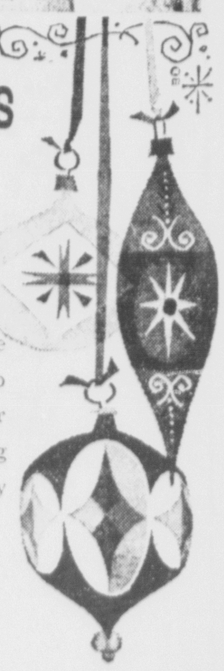

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Kiwi Doldrums

LONDON -- "Take it as you find it and you'll do all right, mate," goes the New Zealand saying. Indeed, that's how the electorate of this isolated Dominion are taking the upcoming parliamentary elections.

New Zealanders are proud that they have achieved one of the most egalitarian communities in the world. The prime ministers in past elections have been judged by their ability to "join the boys in the pub" and discuss such religious matters as rugby. The result has been the establishment of a stable mediocracy. Now New Zealand's Labor Party is making a vigorous effort to break the National Party's monopoly of power of the past two decades.

Labor has proposed the withdrawal of all New Zealand troops from Viet Nam. However, most of the 2.8 million New Zealanders are aware that they are too small a state to play an independent role in world affairs. Prime Minister Keith J. Holyoake has tried to steer New Zealand's foreign policy along American lines, and the Labor Party knows it has little alternative. With Viet Nam less of an issue, the opposition has hit on the need to overhaul the social security system and reform the fields of health and education. What this amounts to is a promise of a change in emphasis rather than in direction.

Labor's troubles stem from Kiwi conservatism. James Michener has called the New Zealanders' "the most conservative white men still living." This means that change, in any form, is strongly resisted.

The ancestors of the modern New Zealanders came over from England in the 19th century. Mostly they were lower middle class laborers who despised the English aristocracy and wished to have no part in the establishment. Holyoake is fond of saying that "ever since our forebears settled here over 100 years ago, no special privileges have been accorded."

There are few rich in New Zealand. There are few porters, fewer maids, and practically no servants. Tipping is not generally accepted and it is impossible to get a shoe-shine anywhere.

Today a dock worker, meat cutter, or a bus driver earns nearly as much take - home pay as a university lecturer. Little consideration is given to training or education. This means that for those with exceptional talent there is little alternative but to emigrate. And to make sure that new, foreign elements don't upset the egalitarian balance, the National Party has maintained strict immigration quotas.

Recovery of the balance of payments -- from a record deficit of $135 million in October 1967 to a steady surplus over the past 18 months -- has somewhat lifted the cloud of uncertainty which hung over the National Party. New Zealand is dependent on a small group of primary products, such as meat, cheese, butter and wool. But export receipts hit $1 billion for the first time in 1969.

The number of parliamentary seats in the unicameral legislature was increased from 80 to 84 in 1966. The establishment of new constituencies also has favored Labor. This means that to stay in power the Nationalists will have to hold on to all of their 43 seats. The FINANCIAL TIMES reports that while the voting age was lowered from 21 to 20 this year, the youths and new voters seem unusually apathetic and indifferent. If this is indeed the case, then the outcome in New Zealand could turn out to be every bit as close as the recent cliff-hanger in Australia.

WATER CONDITIONERS ARE FAST-GROWING HOME APPLIANCE

Water conditioning equipment is fast becoming a must in American homes. There are several reasons for this, the Water Conditioning Foundation says. One is the fact that over 85 percent of the water in the U. S. is hard enough to require treatment. At the same time, Americans are using more water - connected equipment than ever before -- an increase of over 60 percent in 10 years, to be exact. They have more bathrooms, laundry equipment, dishwashers, food waste disposers, hydronic heat, automatic snow melting with hot water circulated through pipe buried in the sidewalk and driveway, to name a few. Hard water lessens the efficiency of most equipment and shortens its life too.

To get the full benefit from plumbed - in appliances, water must be treated to remove the hardness with an automatic softener before the water enters the piping system. In the modern unit, the water flows through a tank containing a chemical that removes certain minerals such as iron or calcium. As the chemical is saturated with the minerals, it's regenerated automatically. The unit is easy to install and requires virtually no maintenance.

A booklet full of information on how to put more comfort, convenience and beauty into the home is available for 50 cents. Write to the Foundation at 1780 Maple Street, Northfield, Illinois 60093. Ask for "Quality Water at the Tap."

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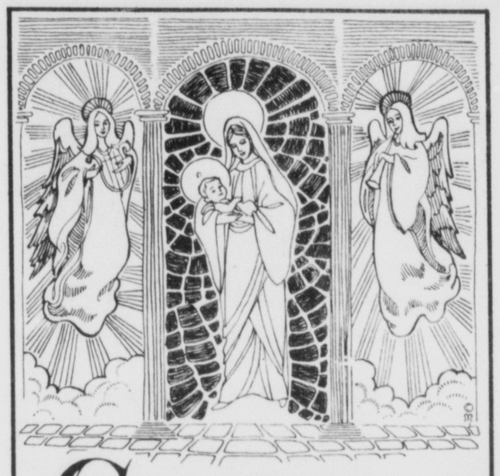

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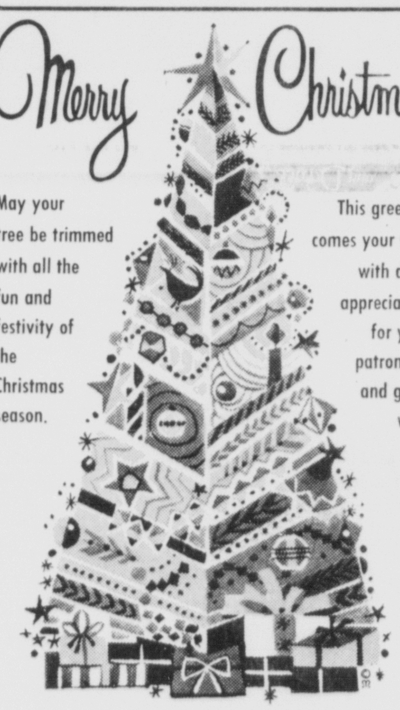

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IN MEDIEVAL TIMES, stained glass art reached its peak. A simple sincerity characterizes early windows, such as the Madonna and Child window shown above, at right. A medieval artist whose name is lost in history designed this window for a church in Switzerland. Illustration from Chicago Art Institute.

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AS A LIVING ART, stained glass continues to be the medium for creations picturing Madonna and Child — for example, the scenes from stained glass windows shown above. Illustration at the left is from a window designed by the New Jersey artist George Spiers, for the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany in Allendale, N. J. Modern interpretation of the Madonna and Child, center, is from a stained glass window designed by Emil Frei, for St. Peter's Church in Kansas City, Mo. Illustrations from Encyclopedia Americana 1969.

ESPECIALLY DESIGNED for this newspaper, and for the pleasure of its readers, is the feature illustration, left, a Nativity scene which expresses the traditional mood of stained glass art in contemporary terms.

Car Topics

THE VOICE OF AUTHORITY

When a man has spent a lifetime overseeing the preparation of race cars, finally to win the Indianapolis 500, he has earned the right to be heard. Such a man is Andy Granatelli, whose name spells authority among the automotive fraternity.

Granatelli, who has strong opinions on the relationship between car condition and safety, spoke out recently on this subject.

"The new, longer lubrication intervals have done a disservice to the motorist," he says. "Every car owner should be sure that his vehicle is put on the lubrication rack of his neighborhood filling station or auto dealership at 1,000 mile intervals, regardless of lubrication intervals."

He points out that today we drive our cars at speeds faster than the sustained speeds of racing cars just a few years ago. This means that we should take the same care of our passenger cars that we lavish on racing machines.

Failure of a tire, a wheel bearing or a suspension ball joint could mean instant disaster at today's highway speeds, just as it could in racing. Regular inspections help keep this from happening.

Shock absorbers, muffler systems, brake systems, transmission, engine and suspension parts require thorough inspection, says Granatelli. Thus plus road tests by competent people.

He recommends development of dependable relationships with neighborhood auto mechanics. "These men know and understand the intricate mechanisms of your car," he advises, "and they, like your family doctor, can be the people who are responsible for the safety of you and your family."

Other suggestions from Granatelli for the motorist include a six- month replacement of windshield wiper blades that "wear so slowly that failure is usually recognized too late."

He further emphasizes the critical importance of good tires, describing them as "the four patches of rubber that contact the road," the final link in the chain of passenger safety.

"The new extra- wide tires are among the most important safety devices in years," he says. "The development of studded winter tires for safety on ice and frozen snow are an equally important contribution, along with improved headlamps and braking systems."

He modestly fails to note that many of the safety improvements on today's cars came about because of the ingenuity and experience of men like Anthony Granatelli, one of the most respected people in racing.

A Bethlehem light, no satellite,
But as a star, God's globular
Guiding the wise who've seeking eyes,
Once o'er a stall, now circuits all,
Love luminous for leading us
Unto the birth of greatest worth.

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Spirit of Christmas Spreads Its Joy

By ANNA MANG

"Merry Christmas, one and all."

With this simple and sincere greeting, all the warmth and excitement of Christmas reaches its peak.

In this community, as in cities and towns throughout the nation and around the world, days and weeks of list-making, gift-shopping, home-decorating, party-planning and Christmas-program-rehearsing are reaching a happy culmination.

Families gather, Santa enters, church bells ring. Christmas arrives!

Every year, Christmas seems to generate more eager anticipation, here and everywhere, with earlier and more enthusiastic planning — appropriately, for part of the spirit and the joy of Christmas is in the planning.

The spirit of Christmas starts with thoughtfulness. It begins in the hearts of each of us. It grows with a hope, a wish, a prayer.

It shows itself, outwardly, in such manifestations as merry songs and bountiful gifts, and in the festive decorations and glowing lights now adorning local streets and stores, homes and churches.

It expresses itself, most deeply, in private devotions and in special services such as those scheduled by local churches.

It is a spirit abounding in legend and lore, in customs and traditions honored through the years. And most of all, it is the spirit of reverence and joy that shepherds and wise men knew.

To capture that spirit is to keep Christmas truly and well, for it enriches all the things this wonderful season stands for.

For Children

Christmas is for children. Candies and cookies and all those holiday goodies, trees gaily adorned and brightly lighted, Santa's pack stuffed with surprises — all these things are planned and prepared just for the children.

Or at least, so the grown-ups say, and who's to doubt them?

In a still more special way, Christmas is for children. The manger scene in homes and churches ever reminds us that the Child born in Bethlehem was He who later said, "Suffer little children to come unto me."

For Rejoicing

Christmas is for rejoicing. Since first the herald angels sang, this rejoicing has most often found expression in music and song.

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men," the angels sang.

Now as in earliest times, the spirit of joy and wonder echoes anew in the hymns and carols of Christmas.

For Giving

Christmas is for giving. The eagerness of children waiting for Santa, the excited plotting and planning that goes into the choosing and wrapping of gifts, the packages heaped beneath the tree happily symbolize the spirit of Christmas.

Even as the Wise Men gave of their most precious treasures, to honor Him, so people give generously at Christmas, and true generosity stems from thoughtfulness—giving with open heart as well as open hand.

For Sharing

Christmas is for sharing. Thus giving to the less fortunate is a traditional part of the Christmas spirit.

Joy grows through sharing, says the holiday message, and sharing is most blessed when it extends not only to those near and dear but to those known only through their need.

For Greetings

Christmas continues as it begins, with "Merry Christmas, one and all." And as long as the spirit of this cheerful greeting prevails, Christmas never really ends.

Yes, Christmas is for greetings, to family, friends and neighbors. "Merry Christmas, one and all," we say, and the spirit of Christmas lives forever in the words.

In just this spirit, today's edition of this newspaper is one big Christmas card, filled with greetings from the business firms of the community, who take the opportunity to say, "Merry Christmas, one and all," with special thanks to their patrons and friends.

Legends Honor St. Nicholas

He's the patron saint of pawnbrokers. He watches over mariners. Since the fourth century, he has been remembered for his generosity.

Many of the legends linked with St. Nicholas, real-life ancestor of today's Santa Claus.

But his most enduring connection is with youth and gifts. In Europe, his feast day, December 6th, has traditionally been an occasion for merriment and gifting.

"'Tis the season to be jolly, tra la la la la . . ."

GREETINGS

In the happy spirit of the holiday, when peace settles as gently as freshly fallen snow, we pause and count our many blessings. Numbered high among them is your cherished patronage and good will.
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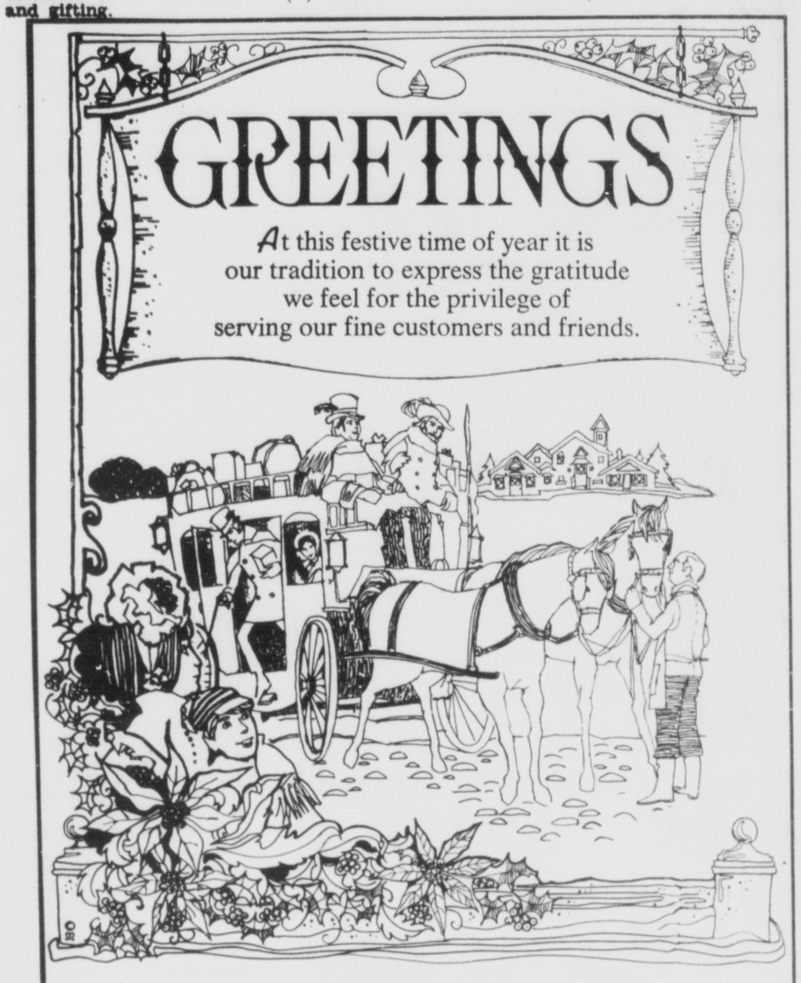

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May the peace and joy which radiates from the heart of the Holy Child, fill you and yours with the wonder and splendor of this Blessed Season. And may the miracle of His coming be an inspiration and comfort to you always. Best wishes for a joyous Christmas.

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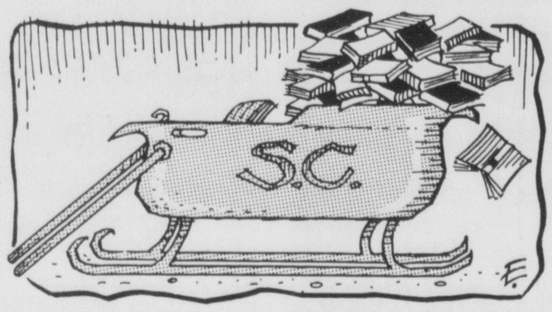
Gift Books for Christmas Shoppers

By MILES A. SMITH
AP Arts Editor



NEW YORK (AP) — If you're making out your Christmas shopping list, keep in mind that the booksellers are ready with a sleigh full of fancy gift books.

This is the season when publishers flood the market with brightly illustrated volumes on specialized subjects, that make appropriate gifts for practically everyone on your list.

The prices range as high as $50 for a few de luxe items, but a great many are around $15 and there are some very presentable ones for as low as $7.95.

It will expedite your shopping if you jot down in advance the three essential facts on each item — title, author and publisher.

Here are some highlights of the season's gift book output. As usual at this time of year, there are plenty of volumes about art.

Art in America

"American Painting" (Skira-World Publishing) is a two-volume work, the first by Jules David Prown, covering the period from the beginnings to the famous Armory Show, and the second by Barbara Rose, on the 20th century. "The Arts in America — The 19th Century," by a group of scholars, (Scribner) is a companion volume to "The Arts in America — The Colonial Period," of 1966.

"New York Painting and Sculpture, 1940-1970," from Dutton, is a description by Henry Geldzahler, curator of contemporary art at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, of a show at that museum.

"Winslow Homer Watercolors" (Watson-Guptil) by Donelson F. Hoopes contains examples from the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Brooklyn Museum.

"American Architecture and Urbanism" by Vincent Scully (Praeger) is an illustrated history of architecture and city planning.

Crown is publishing "The Life and Art of Charles Schreyvogel" by James D. Horan, about an artist who specialized in scenes of the Old West, when the U.S. Cavalry went into action against the Indians.

Art — Old Masters and Recent Masters

Books about the Old Masters include "The Complete Work of Raphael" (Reynal-Morrow), a big volume with more than 900 illustrations, and "The Très Riches Heures of Jean, Duc de Berry" (Braziller), reproducing the 130 illustrations of this medieval work.

The French School is represented in "Chardin," edited by Daniel Wildenstein (New York Graphic); "Courbet," by Georges Boudaille (New York Graphic) and "Toulouse-Lautrec" (Phaidon) by Fritz Novotny. The British are in with a volume by Jeremy Maas (Putnam) titled "Victorian Painters," discussing their art in the reign of Queen Victoria.

Books about museums include Newsweek's series (distributed by Simon & Schuster) on Great Museums of the World — The Pinakothek, Munich; the National Museum, Tokyo; the Uffizi, Florence; the Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam, and the Art History Museum, Vienna. There also is a third volume in the A.S. Barnes series on "Great Centres of Art," titled "Munich," detailing the contents of 10 museums in that city.

The new art reference books include "A Dictionary of Art Terms and Techniques" (T.Y. Crowell) by Ralph Mayer, with 3,200 definitions; "A Pictorial Encyclopedia of the Oriental Arts" (Crown), a 4-volume work on Japan, China and Korea; "World Tapestry" (Putnam) by Madeleine Jarry; "A History of Mexican Mural Painting" (Putnam) by Antonio Rodriquez; "A Treasury of Japanese Wood Block Prints" (Crown) by Sadao Kikuchi, and "Art and the Stage in the 20th Century," edited by Henning Rischbieter for New York Graphic, dealing with work done by 70 painters and sculptors of the period.

The American Heritage Press has a pair of de luxe volumes that combine history and art — "The Horizon History of China" and "The Horizon Book of the Arts of China."

There also is a collection of essays, originated by UNESCO and published by Prentice-Hall, called "The Arts and Man," presenting "a world view of the role and functions of the arts in society."

In the series of Time-Life books the new items are Diana Hirsh's "The World of Turner;" Robert Wallace's "The World of Van Gogh" and "The World of Matisse" by John Russell.

The Decorative Arts

Several new books are concerned with contemporary and antique decoration.

"Young Designs in Living" (Viking) is by Barbara Plumb, who discusses apartments, houses, renovations and vacation retreats. Olga Stier is the author of "Decorating Small Apartments" (Morrow), which is the American edition of a European study. In "The Decorative Twenties," from Morrow, Martin Battersby writes on period design in Europe and America.

"Great Houses of Washington, D.C." (Clarkson N. Potter) is a review of that theme by Hope Ridings Miller.

"The Heritage of American Houses" (Coward-McCann) contains John Drury's descriptions of 65 American houses built before 1850. "The Treasury of New England Antiques" (Hawthorn) has been written by the New England specialist George Michael. From Putnam comes Hugh Honour's learned study "Cabinet Makers and Furniture Designers," containing 50 studies of makers and designers from the 16th century on.

Places Far and Near

The lush volumes on places to visit include several on American themes.

There is Dutton's "Down the Colorado: Diary of the First Trip Through the Grand Canyon," an explorer's journal of 100 years ago, illustrated with modern photos by Eliot Porter, as well as a history since Indian days by T.H. Watkins (American West Publishing Co., Palo Alto) titled "The Grand Colorado." Doubleday has "California in Color" by Hans W. Hannau, with 112 color plates.

Rand McNally has several albums on regional themes, including "Lure of the Caribbean," by Donald Stainsby, describing 12 islands, and with 270 color plates; "Mexico," by Hans Annaheim and Hans Leuenberger, with photos by Henri-Maurice Berney; "The Aegean World" by Alfred Nawrath, and "Brazil," by Luis D. Gardel.

For those interested in the Holy Land there are a scholarly work, "Holy Places: Jewish, Christian and Muslim Monuments of the Holy Land" (Praeger) by Christopher Hollis and Ronald Brownrigg; "Jerusalem: Rock of Ages" (Harcourt) with text by Fosco Maraini and photographs by Alfred Bernheim, and "Jerusalem" (Little, Brown) by Colin Thubron, with photographs by Alistair Duncan.

"India," by Aubrey Menen (McGraw-Hill) is an outsize volume with 130 plates in color from photographs by Roloff Benny. "Thailand: Land of Color" is an album of photographs by Hubert Sieben (Taplinger).

"Treasures of Britain," published by Norton, is a thick book describing the art, architecture and other treasures of Britain and Ireland, illustrated with more than 700 color photos, containing 40 pages of maps to guide the tourist. "H.V. Morton's Britain" is a travel writer's compendium of advice on travelling through that nation, published by Dodd, Mead.

The Historical Scene

A huge volume "The Crucible of Christianity" (World Publishing) has been prepared by 14 authorities working under the editorship of historian Arnold Toynbee, treating the two centuries before, and the two centuries after, the birth of Christ. Macmillan is the publisher of "History of the Holy Land" by seven scholars, under the editorship of biblical scholar Michael Avi-Yonah.

Sacheverell Sitwell's "Gothic Europe" (Holt, Rinehart) has sections on England, France, Germany, Italy, Spain and the non-Christian countries.

"The Conquistadores" by Hammond Innes (Knopf) is heavily illustrated.

Among Putnam's new books are "Journey Into Romanesque" by George Nebolsine, covering the art and architecture of Western Europe in the 11th and 12th centuries; "The Golden Age of Princes" by H.D. Molesworth, which is concerned with the baroque age in Europe, and "American Epic: The Story of the American Indian" by anthropologists Alice Marriott and Carol K. Rachlin.

The Great Outdoors

"The American West, a Natural History," by Ann and Myron Sutton (Random) was written after a trip of 20,000 miles through the American and Canadian West.

"Birds of the West" by Herbert Clarke and Arnold Small (A.S. Barnes) covers 11 major natural environments from the Rockies to the Pacific. "North American Birds" by Lorus and Margery Milne (Prentice-Hall) provides information on more than 300 species, and is illustrated with the paintings of Marie Nonnast Bohlen.

"The Hidden Forest" by Sigurd F. Olson and Les Blacklock (Viking) is a story of wildlife in the North American woods. "Whitetail" by George Mattis (World) consists of "fundamentals and fine points for the hunter" of deer. "The Horse in the West" (World) is Bradley Smith's history of the horse from the Spanish importations of the 15th century to the present.

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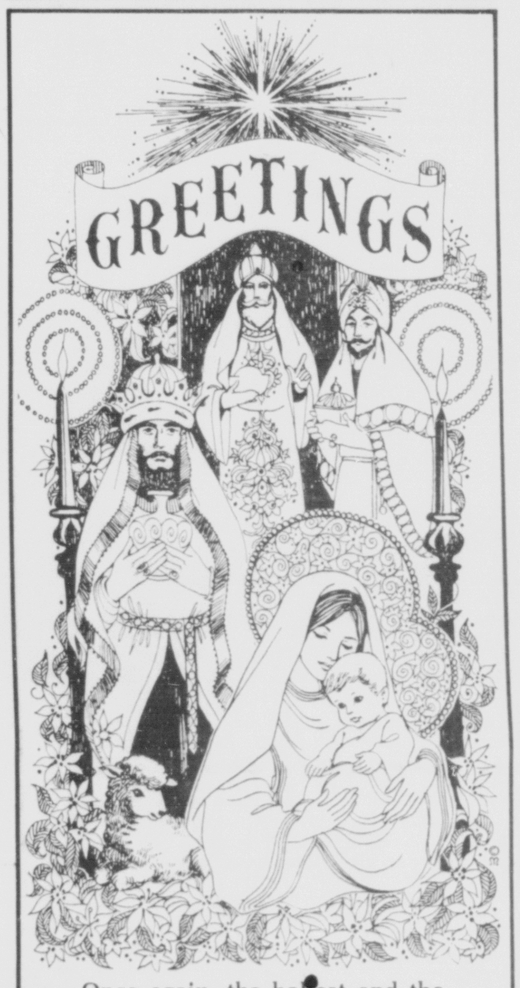

Once again, the holiest and the happiest of all seasons is with us, inspiring all with its message of joy and peace. To you, at Christmas, our fond greetings.

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The Sorry Tale of The Drinking Frenchman

By EDWARD BEHR

To most of the world's casual drinkers, liquor is merely an occasional treat, like an ice-cream cone to a child. A Frenchman, even a non-alcoholic Frenchman, wouldn't understand this concept. After all, he lives in the ice- cream store.

He pays for it, too -- through the stomach, the liver, the nevers. France leads the world in alcoholism, with a death rate ten times that in the U.S. Cirrhosis kills 23,000 per year and hospitalises ten times that number.

About 40 per cent of Frenchmen in mental institutions are alcoholics.

Of 50 million Frenchmen, in fact, 4.5 million are classified as "dangerously heavy drinkers" - and many of the rest are on the way.

The most recent set of statistics, published in a new World Health Organization report, have sent the country into one of its periodic tizzies about the alcohol menace. Public figures issue worried statements, the Press fulminates and new bureaucracies are organised to promote temperance.

It never has any effect.

The French keep on drinking ... and drinking... and drinking. Each year the average adult consumes 28 quarts of alcohol, double the rate in the U.S. 50 times that in Great Britain.

Like the Louvre and the Latin Quarter, like Proust and prostitutes and Pigalle, it's all part of the national culture. "A little wine never hurt anybody," says practically every Frenchman at one time or another. And a vintage quip goes: "They say wine kills slowly - well, who wants to die tomorrow?"

The notable thing about French drinking is that it doesn't have to be learned. It's acquired almost from birth. Mothers use brandy soaked handkerchiefs as pacificers for their babies. Three-year -olds drink wine with their meals instead of milk. At six, lucky Pierre is sent off to school with a little bottle of wine in his lunchbox.

As if this were not a clear enough pointing of the way, there is always the parental example. The bars open at 5 a.m. in a good part of the country. Workmen stop in for a "coup de rouge" (shot of raw red wine) or a belt of brandy on their way to the job; so do office workers.

Meals begin with an "apertif," continue with a bottle of wine and end with a "digestif" (this can be Cognac or liqueur).

As if they didn't have enough of their own native brews, the French lately have even become devotees of Scotch whisky.

Hitler gave a bad name to temperance in France. The Nazi dictator rationed wine when France was occupied and, ever since, anti- alcohol campaigns have foundered.

Still, the authorities try. When Pierre Mendes- France was premier in the '50s, he attempted to foist milk- drinking on the public. Mendes not only never got to be premier again, he even came to grief trying to get elected to Parliament.

Economics plays some part in French alcholism. Wine is, after all, not only better tasting, but cheaper even than water. In a typical Paris bistro nowadays, a glass of wine costs 8 cents, a glass of mineral water 14 cents. (Frenchmen seem congenitally incapable of drinking water out of a tap.)

In the countryside, especially in wine- growing sections, a quart of wine sells for as little as 18 cents. And the farmers make their own at a fraction of the cost. The decrepit plumbing in rural districts really does make tap- water- drinking a hazard.

In apple- growing areas, like Normandy and Brittany, cider- of a power American farmers only dream about- is the staple drink. But this is not to stay that sterner beverages, like the native Calvados, is not used as a frequent comma to the long cider sentence.

Agricultural workers in the south of France customarily drink four to five quarts of wine a day- as if they were so many bottles of soda pop. And construction and factory workers are nearly as thirsty. Indeed, many construction contractors bar drinking on the job and have the statistics to prove that this cuts down accident figures.

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Judges' Comments:

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When Families Gather, It's Christmas!

TRADITIONALLY, CHRISTMAS IS A FAMILY DAY. An old-fashioned Christmas, pictured above in an illustration created especially for the enjoyment of the readers of this newspaper, had much in common with a modern Christmas — gifts, greens, trees, flowers and, of course, a happy family gathering.

Through the years, the ways of celebrating Christmas have taken on many different forms.

Today's Christmas tree is apt to be plastic or aluminum, rather than nature's own fir, spruce or pine. The glow of tiny beeswax candles on a tree is only a memory, replaced now by strings of twinkling electric lights.

Jolly Santa, once transported only by reindeer-drawn sleigh, may now arrive by helicopter or jet plane.

But in spite of changes, the essence of the season, the basic spirit of Christmas, stays the same.

Christmastide is, above all, a time for togetherness and rejoicing. And a modern Christmas, just like an old-fashioned Christmas, calls for gatherings of family and friends, with much merriment, fun and feasting.

Right now in this community, families are celebrating the holiday with just such gatherings, such merriment, fun and feasting.

Like families of yesteryear, they celebrate with gifts and greens, with the warmth of a glowing hearth and the gleam of a lighted tree, with stockings hung by the chimney with care and even with candles, though these beckon brightly from candleholders rather than from the tree.

All these ways of celebrating are part of the legend and lore of Christmas.

Exchanging Gifts

Exchanging gifts at Christmas is one of the most time-honored of customs, and toys, dolls and games for the children have always ranked high on the gifts list.

In the not-so-long-ago, however, just one important present — a doll for a little girl, perhaps, and a toy accordion for her brother — was all that youngsters might expect at Christmas.

Though Santa is more bountiful nowadays, the gifts he brings are like those of yesteryear in at least one way. They reflect the interests and fashions of their times.

Dolls, yesterday and today, dress in the favorite styles of the moment. Toys, too, show the influence of current events.

Toy racing cars, for instance, came in with the automobile, while today more complex types of wheel toys take advantage of modern technological developments.

Using Greens

Use of greens and garlands to decorate for a festive season goes back a thousand years before the birth of Christ. The custom began with the ancient Egyptians.

Many of the traditions of pagan festivals were later merged with the celebration of Christmas, and evergreens, because they stay green throughout the year, came to be regarded as the Christmas symbol of eternal life.

Decorating the Tree

Many ancient legends associate trees with Christmas. One is that on the first Holy Night, all the trees of the forest blossomed and bore fruit.

The idea of adorning the Christmas tree with ornaments may have started with an attempt to create the effect of snow on the branches. Strings of popcorn and tufts of cotton were used.

Lighting the Tree

Martin Luther started the custom of lighting the tree, legend says.

To symbolize stars glowing forth on a snow-filled winter's night, he placed lighted candles on his family's traditional Christmas tree.

Burning the Log

Today's fireplaces, though smaller in scale than those of yesteryear, symbolize at Christmas the age-old custom of burning the log.

The Yule log was adapted to Christmas celebrations from the Scandinavian practice of building huge bonfires at the winter solstice. Fire represented the spring sun, soon to return.

Hanging Stockings

St. Nicholas, so legend says, secretly gave gifts of gold for the dowries of poor spinsters. He tossed the gold down a chimney on Christmas Eve, and on one occasion the gift landed in a stocking hung by the fireplace to dry.

A tangerine or an orange in the toe of a stocking has come to be symbolic of the gifts of gold.

THE SOUL BROTHERS AND SISTER LOU
By KRISTIN HUNTER

Just named a winner of the Brotherhood Award of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, THE SOUL BROTHERS AND SISTER LOU is the story of a lonely teenager in a Northern city, who learns to identify with her own people and to be proud of her black heritage.

The critically acclaimed novel, appearing in paperback for the first time, stresses the importance of self - respect, says the author, for black and white adolescents.

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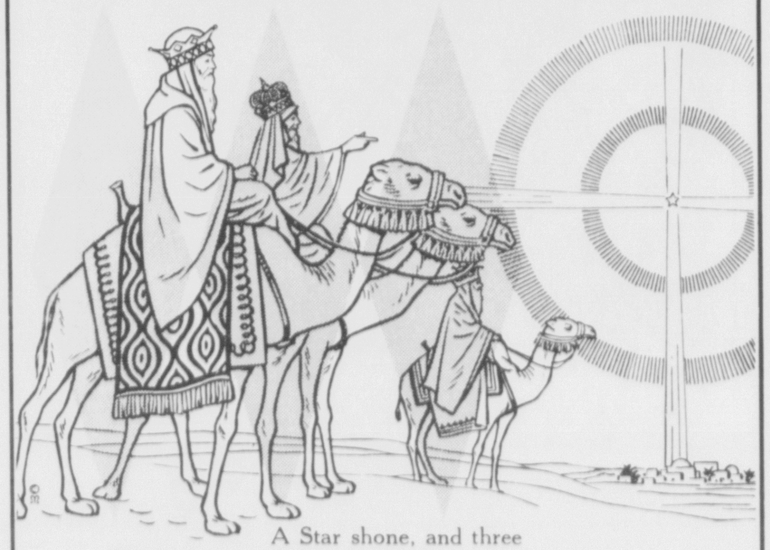

A Star shone, and three Wise Men sought a sacred Manger in the little town of Bethlehem, where the Christ Child was born. This Christmas, let the light of His message shine into all our lives, spreading "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men."

To our Valued Friends and Patrons, "Thank You."

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Famous Writers Find New Ways to Say, 'A Ryghte Merrie Chrystmasse Toe You'

Great writers of every age since medieval times have made contributions to the various expressions and phrases that are associated with Christmas.

Such expressions as, "A Ryghte Merrie Chrystmasse Toe You," have now become archaic and the spelling quaint. But the continued exchange of Christmas cards over the years has been a strong influence in preserving the traditional words, or greetings, associated with the season.

From the very beginning of greeting cards, prime importance was placed on the message itself. In fact, some of the earliest cards were simply greetings with sprigs or borders of holly on an otherwise plain card.

But then, as early as the 1880's in England and also in America, verses appropriate to the season and composed by famous authors, were proving popular on Christmas cards.

One such poem by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow — with a portrait of the eminent gentleman — appears on one of the antiques in the Hallmark Historical Collection, a treasury of more than 50,000 greetings which provides a variety of the expressions of good cheer and Christmas wishes by famous writers over the years.

The age old message of the season is to be found in today's Christmas cards, expressed in poetry and prose by such outstanding literary figures of the past and present as William Shakespeare, Samuel Taylor Coleridge, Sara Teasdale and, more recently, T. S. Eliot, Archibald MacLeish, William Carlos Williams and the late Russian writer, Boris Pasternak.

Pasternak's "The Christmas Pine Tree" has been excerpted for a greeting card which reads in part:

I love her to tears, at sight,
from the first,
As she comes from the woods
in storm and snow.
So awkward her branches, the
shyest of firs!
We fashion her threads unhurriedly, slow.
Her garments of silvery, gossamer lace,
Patterns of tinsel, and spangles aglow
From branch unto branch,
down to the base
I love her to tears, from the
first, so bright
In a crowd of friends on
Christmas night."

Portions of Sir Walter Scott's "Marmion" have been used for still another Christmas card verse:

"England was merry England
when
Old Christmas brought his
sports again.
The damsel donned her kirtle
sheen;
The hall was dressed with
holly green;
Forth to the wood did merrymen go
To gather in the mistletoe.
'Twas Christmas broached the
mightiest ale;
'Twas Christmas told the
merriest tale;
A Christmas gambol oft would
cheer
The poor man's heart through
half the year."

In a lighter vein, one of America's most popular versifiers, Ogden Nash, has contributed his own inimitable style and thoughts to the spirit of Christmas greetings with several mirth-provoking stanzas such as the following:

"Our halls are decked with
boughs of holly,
And trimmings red and green
and jolly;
We get that old time Christmas feeling
While tacking wreaths from
floor to ceiling.
To you we sipped a Yuletide
cup
While hanging decorations
up;
Oh, how we wish you were in
town —
So you could help us take
them down!"

great majority of suicides and suicide attempts are the product of emotional states which are only temporary and which are remediable.

The gathering in London of experts from 45 nations is a sign of growing willingness to face the suicide problem. Another sign is the existence in the United States today of 108 local suicide prevention centers, usually manned by a regular professional staff. Ten years ago there was only one such center -- in Los Angeles.

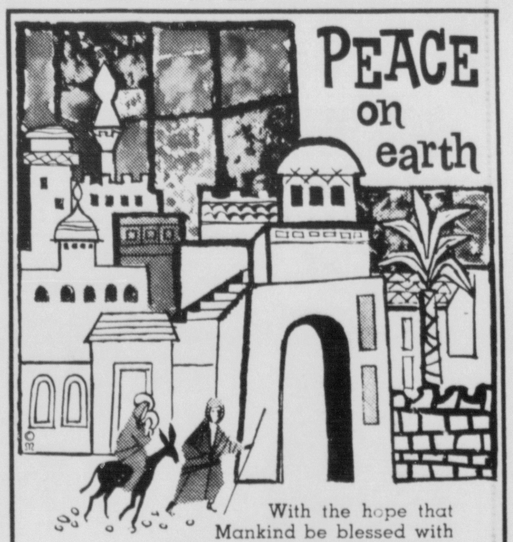
Dr. Norman Farberow, director of the Los Angeles center, told Editorial Research Reports that real progress is being made in reducing the "taboo" associated with suicide. So long as large numbers of people continued to think of suicide in terms of punishment, moral condemnation, sin, insanity and cowardice, suicide could not be fought the way a public health problem of its gravity should be fought.

Traditional feelings about suicide may represent an instinctive reaction to the contempt for society implicit in the act of killing oneself. People are troubled by such conduct and their natural reaction is to condemn the suicide. It remained for the Christian church to attach the onus of sin to suicide.

Everywhere in Europe from the Middle Ages to the 18th century, suicide of one kind or another entailed seizure of goods or land, or both, depending on local customs. Not until 1823 did the British parliament, for example, revoke an ancient requirement that the body of a suicide be buried at a crossroads with a stake driven through the heart to pin down the ghost.

In this country, the Massachusetts legislature decreed in 1660, that suicides should be buried in some common highway and a cartload of stones laid upon the grave "as a brand of infamy and as a warning to others to beware of the like damnable practices." The statute was repealed in 1823.

If all the coal mined in the United States in one year were used as paving material, it could build 12 superhighways — each 50 feet wide, one foot thick, and almost 3,000 miles long.



With the hope that Mankind be blessed with Peace and good will, and that your own Christmas is especially happy. We appreciate your patronage.

BESSIE & ARABELLE

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Midtowner Village Shopping Center

ORIGINAL Pabst Blue Ribbon BEER

Miller HIGH LIFE

We wish you a Merry Christmas

AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

All year long, we're grateful for our fine friends and customers. At Christmas, we're especially happy to express our greetings, thanks and good wishes.

BESS SUPPLY COMPANY

HIWAY 61 SOUTH SIKESTON, MO.

Belgium

FRANK B. DOYLE
in the Raymond, Ill. News

Brussels, the capital of Belgium deals in politics, banking and insurance. Antwerp is the business city with a large port connecting to the South end of the Great North Sea and the Eastern extension of the English Channel.

After General DeGaulle ordered NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) out of France, it was moved to Brussels in 1967. A large headquarters was built for the diplomats, their staffs and the employees.

The North Atlantic Treaty was signed on 4 April, 1949. It proclaims in its preamble the determination of member governments "to safeguard the freedom, common heritage and civilization of their peoples, founded on the principles of democracy, individual liberty and the rule of law".

As well as constituting a defensive military alliance - the Parties consider an armed attack against one or more of them as an attack against them all - the Treaty also aims at developing political, economic, social and cultural co-operation between member countries.

The fifteen member countries of the Atlantic Alliance are: Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, the Federal Republic of Germany, Greece, Iceland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Turkey, the United Kingdom and the United States of America.

NATO takes credit for twenty years of Peace in Europe. Perhaps the real enforcer of peace is the arsenal of atomic missiles owned by the United States, The deterrent force of these missiles must be maintained, regardless of cost to us taxpayers.

SHAPE (Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe), was also moved from France in 1967. A headquarters was built at Casteau - Mons thirty miles from Brussels. The belgium government objected to both headquarters being in the same city. SHAPE occupies an 80 acre field, covered with offices, homes for the military and staff peoples, schools, churches, super markets and athletic fields. The army personnel of the fifteen countries are mixed up. Children speaking five or six languages are common while the parents struggle with a second language.

SHAPE is the military arm of NATO, but has no military force of its own. The military forces are provided by the fifteen nations who retain command in time of peace. It takes a unanimous decision of the fifteen countries to commit the various military forces to action. So far NATO and SHAPE have rsisted Russian agression, if the suppression of Czechoslovakia is overlooked, without calling out the troops.

Headqyarters of the COMMON MARKET is in Brussels. The common market in association of Belgium, Italy, France, Federal Republic of Germany, Luxembourg and the Netherlands. The aim is free trade between the six countries, free movement of peoples and eventually the same money. As of now each country has its own money. Exchanging money is a business and earns about one percent. When a tourist trades U. S. money for, say marks, the cost is one percent. If he does not spend all of the marks and trades the remainder for U. S. dollars, the cost is another one percent.

Three of the Common Market Nations (Belgium, Lexembour, and the Netherlands) have a land area less than Illinois. During an equivalent travel from Cairo to Chicago two borders, with immigration and baggage inspection and money exchanges would be crossed. there are the basic problems that the Common Market is expected to eliminate. Fortunately for us Ben Franklin and associates federated the thirteen colonies without tariff between states and established a common money system.

The Cry For Help

The 5th International Conference on Suicide Prevention opens in London with 45 nations represented.

At least 22,000 Americans will take their own lives this year, and 100,000 to 200,000 others will make serious but unsuccessful attempts to do so. One medical statistician estimates that as many as two million individuals now living in the United States have tried at some time to commit suicide.

Despite this shocking state of affairs, there is widespread apathy about the problem, both on the part of the public and within the medical profession. Fortunately, some significant progress has been made in the last five years or so in spreading one important message: The

Merry Christmas

May the essence of Christmas once again fill your heart and home with peace and lasting serenity.

To all our faithful and steadfast patrons, we wish the very best at the holiday season.

FROM ALL THE EMPLOYEES AT

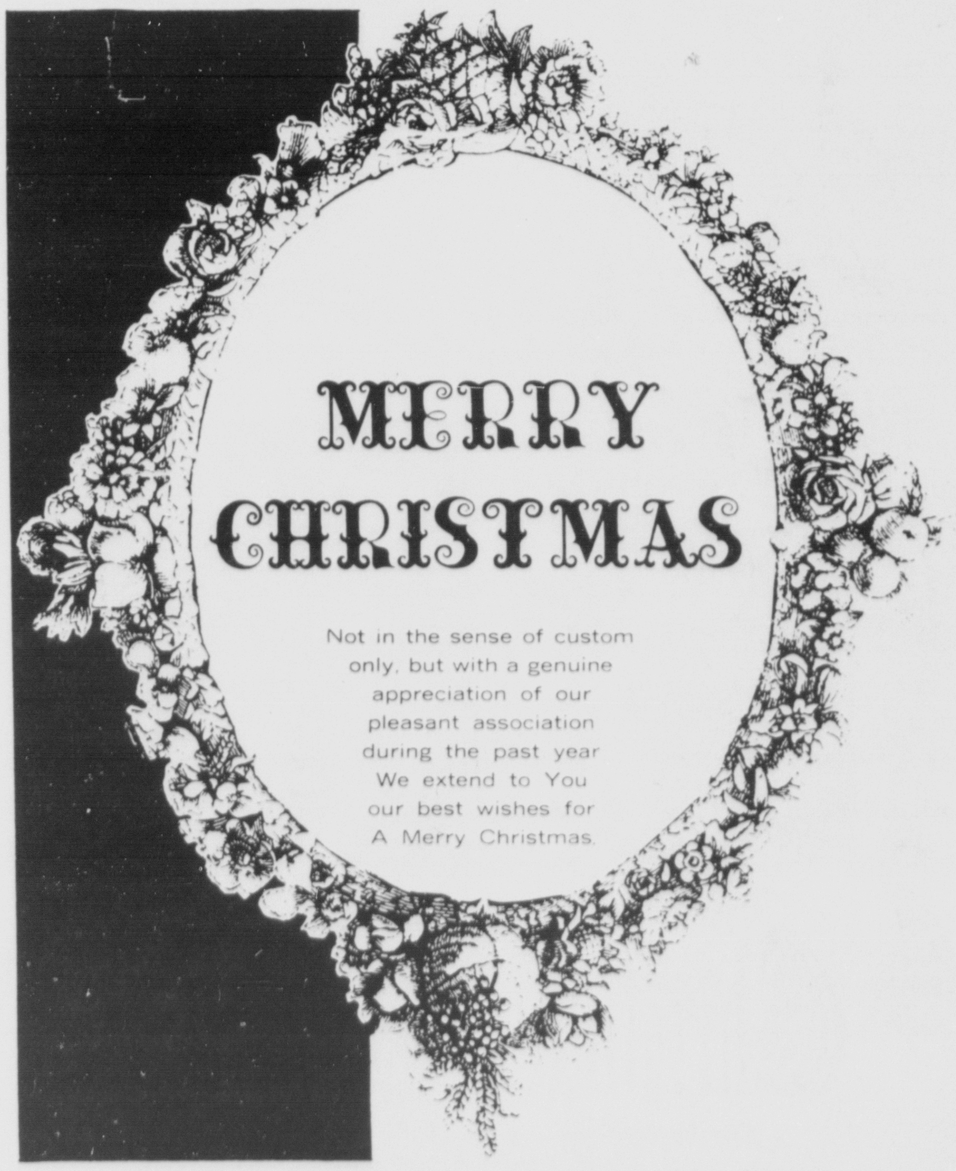
SEMO MOTOR COMPANY

417 N. MAIN SIKESTON, MO.

merry Christmas

To friends old and new we send our warmest wishes for a Merry Christmas, filled with the joys of giving and receiving. Our thanks to you.

WAL-MART Discount City



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Not in the sense of custom only, but with a genuine appreciation of our pleasant association during the past year We extend to You our best wishes for A Merry Christmas.

MARTIN OIL COMPANY
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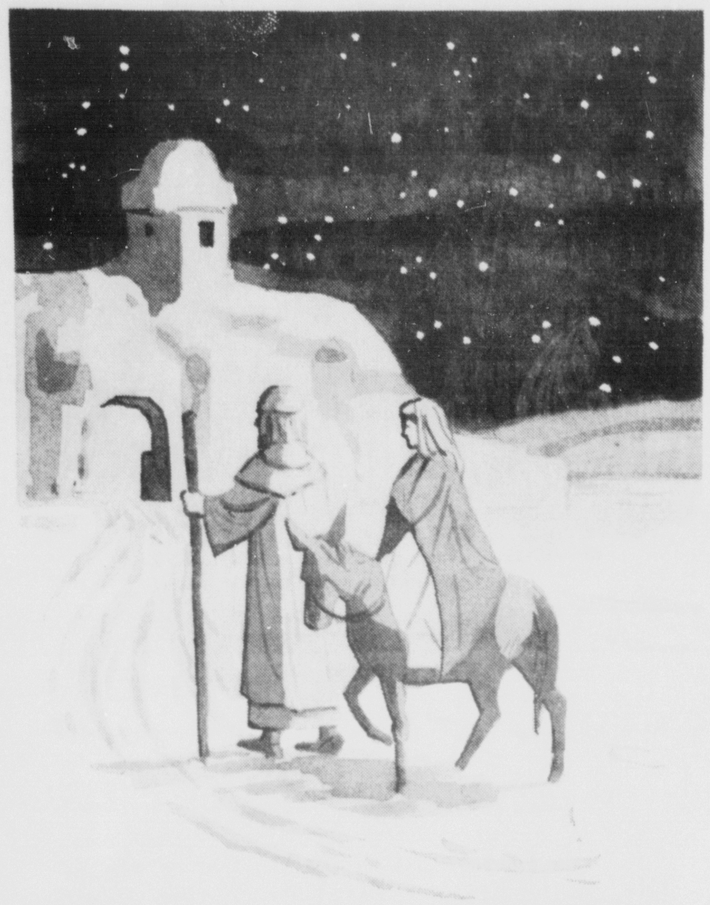
WHOLESALE RETAIL

MERRY CHRISTMAS



For God sent his Son not into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

CRENSHAW'S ANNEX and DISTRIBUTING COMPANY

Stained Glass Sheds Radiance For Celebrations of Holy Day

Biblical stories and personages come to life in a blaze of color. Light and color combine to create an ever-changing mosaic. From dawn to day to dark, patterns vary with the light. Designs seem to live and move as colors change in intensity.

While Christians around the world gather to celebrate the holy festival of Christmas, these dazzling effects add to the beauty and solemnity of the celebration, as stained glass windows shed their radiance throughout churches large and small.

The art of creating stained glass windows is ancient — known in the ages before recorded history began, say the editors of the Encyclopedia Americana. Yet the windows themselves seem always new. As light plays upon the colors of the glass, the living beauty of the windows is constantly renewed and reborn. Appropriately, the age-old yet ever new story of the Nativity is a favorite subject for these windows. Through the centuries, artist craftsmen have preserved the spirit of the first Christmas, in stained glass.

Thus for countless worshippers this Christmastide, the light that shines through the stained glass windows of their churches illuminates the wonder of Christmas.

Why It Began

The "why" of using stained glass windows in churches — and secular buildings, too — is simple and logical. Like all windows, they're intended to admit light and keep out wind and weather.

Colored glass helps in controlling both the amount and the quality of light admitted to buildings. And the combination of light and color forms patterns appealing and restful to the eye.

Traditionally, stained glass windows complement the architectural design of the building where they appear.

How It Began

The "how" of creating stained glass windows is complicated — in some respects as difficult and time-consuming as it was in the Middle Ages, although modern methods and equipment do give today's stained glass artist certain advantages.

The rainbow-like effect of the windows comes from pieces of glass — sometimes, hundreds of pieces — fitted together and held together with strips of lead.

Today's artists don't have to make their own glass, leads and pigments. That's one advantage they enjoy that was denied to the early artist craftsman.

But they do have to plan and work painstakingly, from the beginning of a scale drawing in precise colors through the development of actual-size paper patterns and on to such final steps as firing, glazing and cementing.

What It Shows

The art of stained glass windows reflects nearly every artistic style and movement of the past several centuries, including Romanesque, Byzantine, Gothic, Renaissance, Romantic and modern.

Until the late Gothic period, artists believed that a stained glass window should be decorative rather than pictorial. With the Renaissance came a trend toward illustration rather than design.

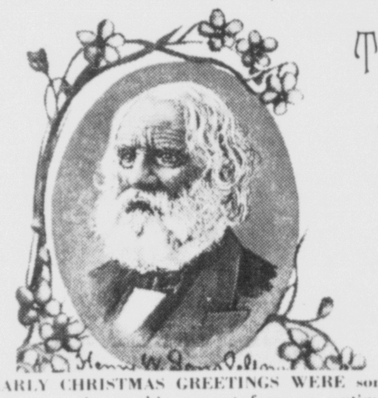
In succeeding years, the balance has shifted between the traditionally decorative and the more pictorial styles.

How It Continues

A relatively small band of artists keeps the art of the stained glass window alive.

In a discussion of stained glass art in North and South America, the Americana lists some 24 artists working in stained glass, in studios throughout the United States, as well as others in Canada, Mexico and South America.

Among them are revivalists, who work in terms of the earliest traditions of stained glass. Other artists take the contemporary approach, but their use of free forms carries out the belief that light and pattern, rather than illustration, make a picture in stained glass.



The Hanging of the Crane

O fortunate, O happy day!
When a new household finds its place
Among the myriad homes of earth,
Like a new star just sprung to birth
And rolled on its harmonius way
Into the boundless realms of space!
So said the guests in speech and song,
As in the chimney burning bright,
We hung the iron crane to-night,
And merry was the feast and long.

EARLY CHRISTMAS GREETINGS WERE sometimes devoted to themes other than the Yule season — witness this excerpt from an antique card, showing a portrait of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow and lines from his poem, "The Hanging of the Crane." Longfellow's "The Village Blacksmith" appeared on the same card. The card is from the Hallmark Historical Collection.

Best wishes FOR a very happy Holiday season

HART'S BAKERY

Christmas Greetings

As the sights and sounds of the holiday season are upon us once again, may we wish all of you a happy and peaceful Christmas. Thank you for your very loyal friendship.

THE BUCKNER RAGSDALE Co

Santa Claus Has Origins In America

Hear them? They're sleighbells — and we all know what that means! Santa's here, and with him arrives one of the oldest, happiest, and best loved traditions of the Christmas season.

Today, of course, it just wouldn't be Christmas without Santa Claus, but it is interesting to ponder just where the jolly old gent got his start, and it might be surprising to learn that it wasn't really the North Pole.

The name Santa Claus, itself, is an American derivation of the name St. Nicholas, an early fourth century bishop in Asia Minor, according to the editors of the Encyclopedia International.

Santa was first brought to this country by the early Dutch settlers, who called him Sinterklaas. These Dutch burghers portrayed him as a merry old man, sometimes even with a wife they called Molly Grietje.

Santa also looked a little different then, and he wore a wide-brimmed black hat, short Dutch breeches, and smoked a long clay pipe.

Later, the British brought their own Father Christmas to America — a happy, roly-poly Falstaffian figure.

Inevitably, Sinterklaas and Father Christmas became one. Add to this the Norwegian's Kriss Kringle, with his sleigh and reindeer, and the picture is nearly complete.

It was finally the task of American artists and writers to create an image of Santa Claus such as we know today. Washington Irving, among others, contributed to the concept of Santa as a jolly holiday figure, while Clement Moore, in his famous "Visit from St. Nicholas" ("'Twas the Night Before Christmas"), added to the concept.

However, the notion of Santa Claus which really captured the imagination of young and old alike was drawn by the American cartoonist Thomas Nast in 1863.

Yes, that's Santa all right, with his fur-trimmed suit, shiny black boots and long white beard. Just the way we've always known him — or so it seems.

GREETINGS

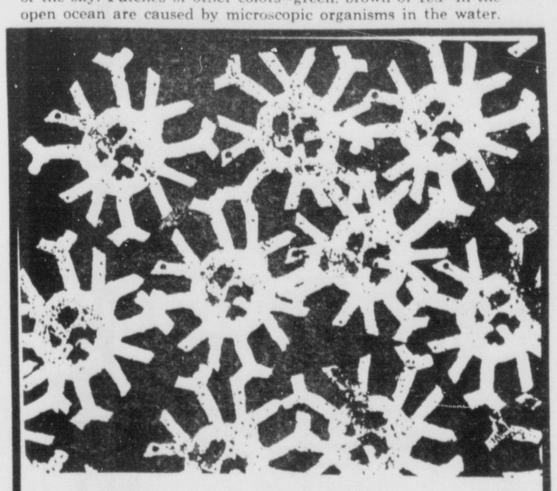
The calm and quiet reaches every corner of this snow-covered landscape to remind us of the beautiful peace that is ours to share at Christmas time. And so we greet you and yours with best wishes for a wonderful holiday season . . . and heartfelt thanks to our dear friends and neighbors for your continued patronage, loyal trust, support.

Shy's Rexall

MIDTOWNER VILLAGE
471-0265

WATER COLORS

Scientists say that the blue color of the sea is only a reflection of the sky. Patches of other colors—green, brown or red—in the open ocean are caused by microscopic organisms in the water.



'TIS THE SEASON

A holiday tang in the air, the smell of good things cooking, family from far and near—it's Yuletide season. And a country Yule is the very best kind.

Especially with your local rural electric system on the job, lighting the tree and lightening the chores.

We wish you Happy Holidays.

Scott-New Madrid-Mississippi Electric Cooperative

SIKESTON & BLOOMFIELD

Christmas is a time for Cookware

Something's always cooking at Christmas! From turkey and dressing to Christmas cookies, plum puddings to party punch, fruitcake and many other festive favorites, delightful aromas waft through holiday homes from kitchens across the nation.

Of course, good food is important all year long—and what better Christmas gift to give than quality cookware! Whatever the season, the cooks in your family will enjoy the new Criteria stainless steel omelet pan from Ekco Housewares Company, a simply elegant gift which will give gourmets and beginners alike perfect results every time.

The Criteria omelet pan is especially designed to turn out the very best light, delicately golden-browned omelet you ever tasted, with the least amount of work you ever thought possible. A selective sealed-in heat core conducts heat evenly across the bottom and up the sides for quick, even cooking. Ten inches in diameter, the pan is just the right size for a hearty breakfast omelet with ham and cheese or a delicate one-egg dessert omelet filled with strawberry jam and dusted with powdered sugar. Its sloped sides spread the egg mixture evenly across the cooking surface and make "professional" rolling or folding easy when you're ready to serve.

Of course, the omelet pan is just one part of Ekco's Criteria cookware collection, which carries a 15-year guarantee. Designed for efficiency and convenience, Criteria's sleek, low silhouette allows better burner coverage for fast, even cooking and features a wide variety of saucepans and specialty items. Among many Ekco originals in the set are an oval casserole and a three-piece combination set which can be used as a double boiler, skillet, chicken fryer, serving dish and casserole.

All Criteria cookware is lovely to look at, too, stylishly sculptured in "silver" stainless steel with lustrous black trim. Any piece is quite a "dish" to set before a cook on Christmas morning! And you'll enjoy it for many meals to come.

GIMME! GIMME! GIMME! GIMME!"

CHAINED VELVET—Rose-colored cotton velvet is Cinderella's choice for a grown-up looking party dress with shaping and seaming. A gold body chain reflects the warm velvet color, and tapered sleeves are formed with a hint of a crown at top.

AIM TO PLEASE WITH FRAMED ART

Thinking about giving framed art as Christmas gifts this year?

If you are, the Picture and Frame Institute suggests you can easily come up with just the right picture if you take time to analyze the needs and taste of the person to whom you'll be giving the picture.

You'll find yourself delighting the gourmet cook on your list with a gift of framed still lifes of fruit. The football enthusiast and weekend angler will likewise be pleased with gifts of framed art that reflect their hobbytime interests.

The aunt who has preserved the past by collecting antiques will be more pleased with a reproduction of a Rembrandt in a traditional frame than with a picture that would be at odds with her decor, you'll find. The young man who tinkers with old cars will take delight in hanging a pair of framed antique automobile prints over his desk after the holidays, and you can be sure that the expectant mother will appreciate a picture for the nursery.

In every case, the Picture and Frame Institute urges, determine for yourself what framed art will be most appreciated and then move ahead with confidence.

HOLIDAY HOT TOWELS

Serving gooey hors d'oeuvres at a holiday party? Then adopt an ancient oriental custom and turn paper towels into little "hot" towels for your guests. Fold a border printed Kleenex towel in thirds to form a long rectangle. Then dip it lightly into warm water scented with cologne or lemon juice. Fold the long rectangle in half. Then fold each border-printed edge back over to make an accordion pleated rectangle with the borders showing on each side. Press the rest of the water out of the towel so that it is merely slightly damp. Make several of the warm little towels and put them conveniently near the appetizers.

WATER-RIGHT HOME SOON WILL BE STANDARD FOR AMERICAN HOUSING

What are home buyers looking for in their new homes? Housing standards, like everything else, are undergoing constant change. Some innovations are passing fads. Others become permanent.

One of the most solidly established trends in housing is an increase in water - using and pipe - connected equipment to provide extra comfort, convenience, pleasure, beauty and even "status" for the entire family. According to the Plumbing - Heating - Cooling Information Bureau, there are about 50 products and systems that fall into this category. This has created a new term, "Water - Right" to describe a home with an adequate amount of such equipment.

Water - Right Homes are being built right now, and it's predicted that they'll become the standard for American housing in less than a decade.

The tyipcal Water - Right Home has at least two full bathrooms, a powder room, vanity lavatory in one or more bedrooms, food waste disposer, dishwasher, doublebowl sink and instant hot water dispenser in the kitchen, a laundry room with running water and drain facilities, sink and, of course, automatic washer and dryer. Top quality faucets, thermostatic shower controls and other "brass" are musts.

Outdoors, the Water - Right Home has a drinking fountain, entertainment sink with running water on the patio and faucets on at least two sides of the house.

Other special features include zoned hydronic heat, built-in central vacuum cleaning system, hot and cold water in a heated garage and water conditioning equipment.

The list of 50 special features includes snow melting system in the sidewalk and driveway, central air conditioning, swimming pool, sump pump, individual water system and automatic lawn sprinkling.

Among a Water - Right Home's most important features are adequate - sized piping that assures a good flow of water at all fixtures and a water heater big enough to keep the family in hot water at all times.

Car Topics

THE LITTLE THINGS COUNT, TOO

If you were in charge of vehicle inspection in your state and had to devise a list of safety items to check on everybody's car, what would you include?

Brakes, steering, lights, tires, exhaust system, glass ... the obvious things, the big things.

But how about a sticky accelerator pedal? That certainly can be a safety problem. Or the outside mirror that won't tighten. You have to keep adjusting it as you drive. Another safety problem.

The list could go on and on, and every driver might have his own special problems to add to it. But since it is impossible to include them all in a state-wide vehicle inspection program, it falls to each driver to be aware of his own problems and to do something about them.

Think of that rip in the old floor mat where your heel keeps catching when you try to move your foot from accelerator to brake pedal. And the seat adjustor that doesn't hold well and sometimes slides backwards when you are driving.

And what of that little hesitation in your engine when you are trying to get out into a busy street and every second counts?

These are things you may get used to but can't really compensate for in an emergency. They are the little things that can become big things at a moment's notice.

So, to keep your car as safe as you can keep it, supplement your state vehicle inspection program with one of your own.

Then when the inspector tells you your brakes are in perfect condition - passed the tests with an A - make sure your heel isn't going to be stuck in that floor mat when you need to hit the pedal in a hurry.

Your own personal safety list should include nearly everything about your car, whether it be a malfunction, a "sometimes" problem or just something distracting.

Doing something about these could save your life.

Orientalize Leftover Turkey with a spicy cranberry sauce. To whole berry cranberry sauce add catsup, port wine, melted butter and soy sauce. Heat and serve with thinly sliced cold turkey. Adds a wonderfully different flavor!

Merrily, Bells Are Ringing For Holiday

Ringing across the ages and around the world, bells are part of the traditions of Christmas.

Zurich, Switzerland, has long been noted for its beautiful bells, say the editors of the New Book of Knowledge.

Every Christmas Eve, the Zurich bells ring out loud and clear, calling families to church.

This same tradition is repeated in thousands of other cities, where chimes and bells ring out at midnight from the steeples and spires of churches.

Bells contribute to the sights as well as the sounds of the holiday season. They are a popular decoration and are used as ornaments on trees.

Tradition has it that bells inspired Clement C. Moore to write his famous poem, "A Visit from St. Nicholas." The inspiration came from listening to the merry jingle of bells on his horses' harness, as he drove along on a frosty winter night.

COTTON TULIPS — These didn't sprout from cottonseed, but they did blossom out from cotton fabrics. Pique in polka dots, stripes, and solids is used to form the tulip petals. Centers are made from cotton ball fringe pompons and fabric-covered wires twisted in curlicues to resemble tulip stamens.

WATCH FOR . . .

The old-fashioned elegance of lorgnettes and mesh evening bags returning as accessories to evening clothes . . . Window-shade flags—real, Government approved Old Glories with slats and rollers, used to replace standard shades on patriotic occasions . . . Telephones treated as decorative accessories. One-of-a-kind designs have real working telephones . . . The return of the Fair Isle sweater, for both sexes; all ages . . . A wardrobe of lengths for men's outercoats as well as women's. Take special note of the maximale.

ON-HAND PRESENTS

A really smart housewife always has a few extra presents stacked away to give to unexpected Christmas company. An inexpensive and versatile on-hand gift is a Paper Mate pen. Everybody, regardless of age or sex, can use a Paper Mate and it takes up hardly any room at all in a drawer.

THE SPIRIT OF Christmas

May the true spirit of Christmas fill your hearts and homes, our sincere thanks to all.

Hileman & Criss BARBER SHOP

Merry Christmas

ROSY CHEEKS, SPARKLING EYES, HAPPY VOICES . . . CHILDREN IN ANTICIPATION OF EVERYTHING THAT CHRISTMAS BRINGS: THE FAMILY TREE, STACKS OF PRESENTS, BELLS RINGING OUT SWEET CAROLS, STOCKINGS FILLED WITH GOODIES, SANTA CLAUS . . . AND THE SOLEMNITY OF EACH TINY CRECHE.

WATCHING THE DELIGHT, THE AWE, THE WONDER IN A CHILD'S FACE IS KNOWING THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS. TO ALL, OUR SINCERE GREETINGS OF THE SEASON PLUS OUR GRATITUDE AND THANKS.

Sikeston and Charleston IGA FOODLINERS

The smiles of young carolers reflect the warmth of this joyous holiday season. Permit us to wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas, and to extend our sincerest appreciation for being wonderful customers! Thank you!!

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BIRTH OF THE BOWERY

Peter Stuyvesant spent his later life on his farm, or "bouwerij," as it was called in Dutch. On the site of this farm now runs the street named after it—the Bowery—on the lower east side of New York City.

Is Christmas only for the young?

In spite of all the talk about the generation gap, childhood pleasures of every era are much the same. Kids in every walk of life, through every page of history, have preferred candy to cauliflower, comics to classics, sports to reports, and Christmas to just about anything!

According to the National Sporting Goods Association, the sale of sporting goods has surpassed even the sale of candy and comics when it comes to Christmas—but perhaps this is because the sporting life appeals to kids from 8 to 80!

And what is the sporting life? It's the good life — the fresh, clean, out-of-doors All-American life—it's the life that everyone enjoys and can afford, at least to some extent.

The sporting life can be found on the seat of a bicycle or at the end of a fishing rod. It can be found camping under a sky of stars or chasing after a foul ball. It can be shared with teammates or savored in solitude. The sporting life starts with a football or a tennis racket, a golf club or a bow and arrow; but, however it starts, it leads to pleasure.

When you give a child a sporting goods gift, you give him an opportunity to make something good of his spare time. You give him a chance to gain and grow. Or, as L. W. Cummins, President of the National Sporting Goods Association, has said, "Sports give a youngster the chance to be his own hero, to develop his own skills, to learn how to share, to play fair—win or lose. Sports make a kid feel grown up—and make adults feel like kids again."

This Christmas, why not consider sports gifts for the "kids" around your house? There's no better time of year to show your loved ones what a very "good sport" you are, indeed!

Guru, a new think game (left) adapted from the ancient game of "Go," goes contemporary with a psychedelic format. Object of play is to maneuver 40 colorful playing pieces so that five are positioned in a row in either direction. New for youngsters who love playing fireman is the snorkel pumper of automotive-gauge steel (right) which shoots real water from its turret-mounted nozzle.

(Kenner, Tonka)

A FRAMEFUL OF GREETINGS WELCOMES HOLIDAY GUESTS

Give holiday visitors a special greeting by displaying this year's Christmas cards as a framed decoration in the foyer, the Picture and Frame Institute suggests. Before the cards start arriving, cut a piece of cardboard to fill a large picture frame. Cover this cardboard with red or green cloth; put the cardboard into the frame, and hang your soon-to-be masterpiece in the entryway. As Christmas cards arrive, simply pin them to the cloth backing in arrangements that please you.

Solve Gift Giving Puzzle By Giving Puzzles

Puzzled over what to give your preschooler for Christmas. Well, maybe that's the answer—a puzzle! Puzzles are fun and at the same time offer challenge and a sense of accomplishment for a "learning while playing" experience, according to Playskool Research. Animal and nursery rhyme characters, maps, scientific subject and non-picture solid color wood blocks are subjects of Christmas gift puzzles that offer year round fun for preschoolers.

Foods Flavor Celebrations

"What's for dessert?"

At Christmas, the traditional answer to this question in England, the United States and Canada is, "Mince pie and plum pudding."

One legend says that it brings good luck to eat mince pie on Christmas day.

In earlier times, mince pies were baked in an oblong shape meant to represent the manger.

Plum pudding, too, has its legend of luck, but here the good luck comes in the making of the pudding. Every member of the family must stir the pudding while it's being made, if good fortune is desired, says an old English tradition.

Fruit cake is one of many specially-baked cakes that are part of the food-and-feasting customs of Christmas. These also are said to bring good fortune and good health.

Rich, elaborate cookies and special breads add to the flavor of the holiday season.

WACS & SCAD

For those of us who are trying to grope our way through the ins and outs of the 1970 defense spending program (a little more than $8 billion, as against $9.6 billion in fiscal 1969 and $6.7 billion in fiscal 1966) the proliferation of the initials casually thrown around on Capitol Hill is something to behold, Or hear.

Everyone knows ABM (the safeguard anti-ballistic missile system), and most know about MIRV (the multiple independently - targeted reentry vehicle).

But what about ULMS, AWACS, SAGE, AMSA, BMEWS, SRAM, SCAD and the like? And what about FOBS and the SS-9?

Well, sort of as a public service, I'm going to let our readers in on the meaning of some of these initials as they apply to the strategic (and enormously expensive) weapons systems the United States and Russia are going to discuss before long.

AMSA comes first. That is an advance manned strategic bomber, assumed to be better than theB-52, B-58 or FB-111. It hasn't been designed yet.

AWACS is an airborne warning and control system associated with SAGE, a semiautomatic ground environment, which is, in turn, associated with the DEW (distant early warning system).

All these are to be tied in with the AMB system (if approved by Congress) along with BMEWS (the ballistic early warning system), the Hawk, Bomark, the Nike-Hercules surface-to-air missiles and several types of surveillance, warning and interceptor aircraft.

Now there are other things, too. There are air - to - ground "stand-off" missiles like Hound Dog (SRAM), and there is the subsonic cruise armed decoy (SAC), not to mention Minuteman I and II and the Minuteman III MIRV force. .

I cite these initials merely to illustrate the dilemmas that confront all editors of a newspaper such as this. If we assume our readers cannot identify such initials as B-52, DEW or ABM, we must devote just that much more space to explaining what we are talking about. But if we use initials that are incomprehensible to our readers, then the burden of the news we print is going to be incomprehensivle, too.

What we try to do is steer a middle course through such dilemmas. Someplace in each story we seek to identify any initials on the assumption that our readers will remember what the identification was. Thereafter, we rely on our readers.

It is getting to be a very complex world indeed. Technology, and even the means of communicating its accomplishments, has advanced to such an extent that even some of today's top scientists are at a loss to communicate to other top scientists in different fields just what their latest accomplishments have been.

To put it quite simply: The outer reaches of technological advances are getting harder and harder to explain in terms comprehensible to most newspaper readers - even to those as sophisticated as we have reason to believe most of our readers are. They are also difficult for some of us to grasp in full measure.

Eric Ridder in Journal of Commercial. Sent in by Ralph Potishnick

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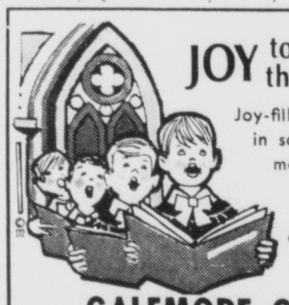

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The High Cost Of Government

The dollar is unstable. Inflation is robbing the pockets of our citizens. Our gold reserves are being depleted in international trade because of excessive government expenditures overseas. Interest rates are higher today than they have been since the Civil War. Clearly, these startling conditions can no longer remain unnoticed and unconsidered in high councils of government. We must take action to bring the economy back into equilibrium and halt inflationary government fiscal policies.

It might be well to review for a moment the dangers of the inflation which our nation is facing today.

What the average housewife paid $10.89 for in January 1965, she now has to pay $11.99 for.

Inflation has added over $100 billion to the cost of living of our people since 1960. Inflation has shrunk the value of checking accounts of our people by $10 billion in that same period. Inflation has robbed our people of $32 billion from their savings and has reduced the value of pension fund reserves by over $17 billion in the past seven years. Inflation has eroded away $15 billion from the value of U.S. government, and other bonds and has eaten $13 billion from life insurance reserves.

In short, the cost of inflation has totaled over $188 billion from life insurance reserves.

In short, the cost of inflation has totaled over $188 billion since 1960 - a cost of nearly $1,000 per every man, woman, and child.

This inflation has come at the expense of those in our society who can least afford to bear the cost - the old, the handicapped, the very poor. Indeed, all of the programs to help the poor which have been conceived and run by the government in recent years have added far less to their welfare than our inflationary government spending policies and rising costs have taken away.

It has been argued by some administration economists that "some" inflation is all right, so long as we can maintain relatively full employment and a constant growth in our gross national product (GNP). Yet in 1967, 60 percent of the growth in our GNP consisted of inflation. Surely, such false growth is of little help to the economy and contributes little to the welfare of our people. All inflation is harmful and it should be the goal of our fiscal policies to bring such inflation to a halt.

The administration has done little to stem this frightening loss of buying power and failure of confidence in the stability of the dollar. Its only response has been to ask the Congress for added revenues - which were reluctantly approved as a last ditch effort to stem the inflationary tide. But there has been an unwillingness to make major changes in government fiscal policy which are required in this inflation is to be stopped altogether and if the stability of the dollar is to be assured.

The administration has been unwilling to cut back on excessive government spending which as contributed so greatly to the rising costs faced by our people. There has been a complete unwillingness to set priorities - to single out those really important national programs which cannot be deferred until the budgetary situation is more favorable. It is clear to me that such a setting of priorities is required and I have consistently voted to cut back in areas of nonessential spending. At the same time, it would be irresponsible to cut back on those important national programs in the field of education, job training, housing, water pollution control, and so forth. It is important, I feel, for all Members of Congress to set priorities and support only those programs which are important to our national life and the lives of our citizens. The meat ax approach of across-the-board cuts is certainly less productive than an analysis and delineation of the truly important programs which are essential and which cannot be postponed.

Althought not the only factor in the cause of inflation, excessive government expenditures rank high on the list of basic problems which must be met and conquered if we are to bring the disastrous rise in prices to a halt.

Examples of government waste are rife-every department is full of interest to Members of the House:

We spent $33,000 to study the Australian cricket and another $20,000 to study the social life of the blackbird.

The Post Office Department paid $54 million rent for a building and land worth less than $20 million. There are 287 post offices on which the government is paying rent, and losing money.

The Agency for International Development paid over $500,000 to support a school in Beirut, Lebanon, only to discover that the school did not exist.

Sloppy procurement procedures led the same agency to spend more than $24,000 for plain sea water which was bottled and sold as a "wonder" medicine.

The first act of the new Postmaster General W. Marvin Watson was to have his already plush office renovated at the taxpayers' expense.

There were a total of 290 changes of plans while a federal building was being built in Cleveland - at an added cost of $4 million to the taxpayer.

The Public Health Service financed a study of "Demography of Happiness in Puerto Rico." Its findings, at great expense to the taxpaper, showed that young people are happier than older people. People with money are happier than the poor and that people in good health are happier than those who are ill.

Nor is the Defense Department free of such waste.

The Defense Department paid $312.50 each for generator knobs which can be bought on the openmarket for only $1.62 each.

The factory catalog price on Army gear clamps was $1.80 each. The Defense Department paid $230 each.

The Defense Department paid $1.55 each for eight-cent washers.

It paid $25.55 each for 50-cent rods.

Government waste comes in more than just faulty procurement and project decisions. It comes, too, in massive paper work and extensive bureaucracy.

In the past 14 years, the number of farms in America have decreased by 36 per cent. During the same period of time the number of employees in the Department of Agriculture has increased by 62 percent.

It takes 47 different forms to hire a federal employee and about the same number to get him off the payroll. The government hires and fires about 600,000 people a year.

These figures should come as no surprise to Members of Congress - and they are only a few of the hundreds of examples that can be pointed out. There must be hundreds of thousands more that have never been uncovered.

It is clear that we must toughen our administrative regulations on procurement of government supplies. The General Accounting Office should receive increased authority to deal with procurement inconsistencies and to take action against those who have purposely cheated the government. At the same time, greater safeguards must be built into the system to ensure that all bidders are provided with an equal opportunity to present low prices to the government for consideration - and contracts should be awarded to those companies which present the lowest prices and most efficient service.

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Judge's Comments:

"An amusing idea handled with many amusing sight - laughs along the way, "THE BRIEF BRIEFCASE CASE was praised by the judges as "quite a tour de force in planning and shooting."

Women Rule Christmas 1885

A picture of a beautiful woman on a current Christmas card would seem inappropriate to many. But feminine beauty enjoyed great popularity in Christmas cards during the late 1880's.

Until 1880, children and elderly women were most often pictured. Or, if adult young women did appear, they were shown as "tenders of the hearth," with their husbands, children or pets.

Later, classic Greek and Roman feminine figures were used to convey ideals of feeling and beauty.

Artists of the Royal Academy in London began the new fashion for using contemporary women in their Christmas card illustrations in 1881. One of the earliest of these was designed by W. F. Yeames and showed a richly-gowned young woman asleep in a chair, with winged cupids in a golden cage.

In 1885, fashion figures of elegant women were a typical subject of Christmas cards. An example is a Louis Prang card from the Norcross Historical Collection.

Mr. Prang, who published the best-known early greeting cards in the U.S., conducted a Christmas card competition. The $1,000 first prize was won by Elihu Vedder, a well-known American artist.

The model for his successful illustration was his wife, and the inscription read, in part, "Thy own wish wish I thee in every place."

Later Christmas cards depicted women as fashion plates, sportswomen, cyclists and, in general, growing participants in the life of their times.

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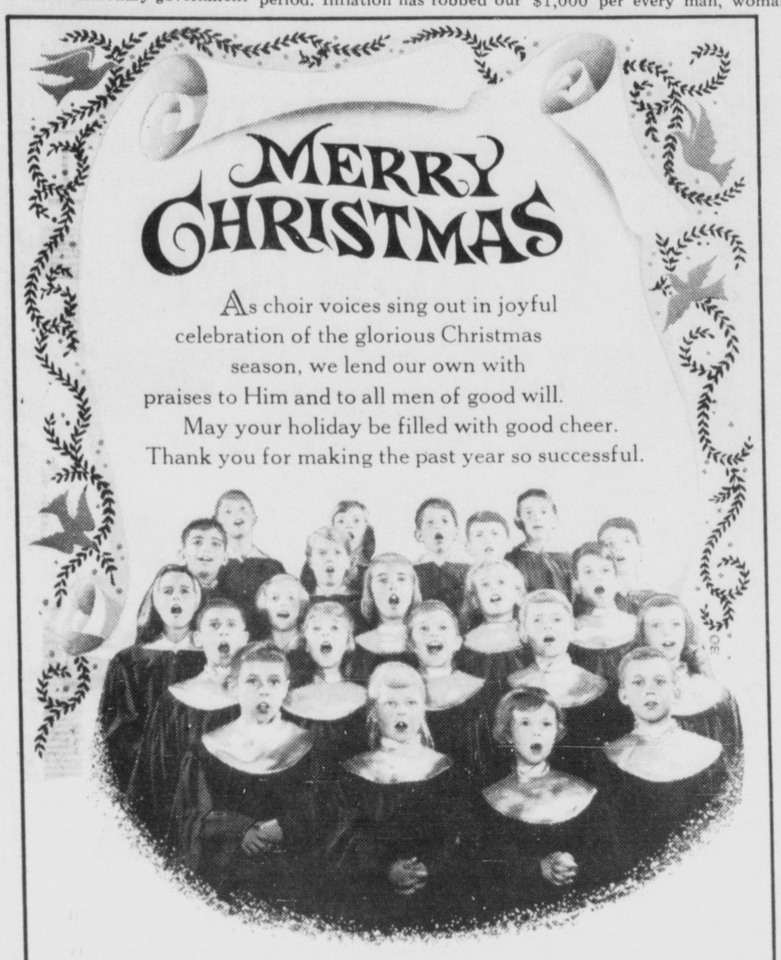
APPEALING FAMILY GROUP IS SUBJECT of the 1885 Louis Prang Christmas card shown here. Illustration of the mother marks trend of 1880's greeting cards, which often pictured attractive young women. This card is from the Norcross Historical Collection.

Many Christmas greens used today were once pagan symbols. Flowers and leafy boughs were used in Roman rites. The Saxons used holly, ivy and bay in their religious observances.



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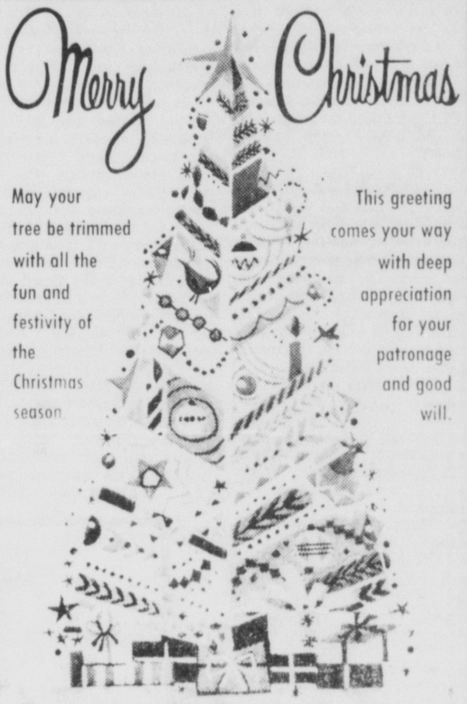

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Search For A Water Policy

The National Water Commission will hold a National Conference on Water Problems in Washington, D.C., on Thursday and Friday (Nov. 6 and 7).

Share and share alike is a sentiment rarely voiced by water users. Well watered localities, states and regions almost invariably resist proposals to divert excess supplies to less fortunate areas. This attitude may prove to be the most difficult problem facing the National Water Commission as it tries to formulate a national water policy.

A squabble over water diversion held up legislation creating the commission for more than two years. Former President Johnson first proposed in 1966 that such a commission be established. But the federal law that did so was not signed by Johnson until September 1968. The seven - member commission was directed to examine major water problems and to develop recommendations, guidelines and long- range plans for effective use of available water resources.

That mandate, however, contained one important exception. A bill authorizing the long- stalled Central Arizona Project, cleared the same day as was the water commission bill, placed a 10- year moratorium on any Interior Department study of schemes to divert water from the Pacific Northwest (the Columbia River system) to the Southwest (the Colorado River system).

It was ever thus. In the United States, the function of supplying water to a community has been viewed primarily as a local responsibility. The federal government entered the field of water resources development on a piecemeal basis, first in connection with river and harbor development, later in connection with projects for flood control, for reclamation and conservation of farmland, for control of stream pollution and for generation of electric power.

Federal jurisdiction in interstate or inter- regional water disputes is made possible by the fact that the great river systems of the United States form boundaries not only between various states but also between the United States and neighboring countries of Canada and Mexico. These rivers are subject to federal powers derived from the Commerce clause of the Constitution.

Federal power, however, has proved difficult to implement in the field of water resource management. The Central Arizona Project-- which involved apportionment of lower Colorado River waters among Arizona, California and Nevada-- first was proposed in 1947. More than two decades of lobbying, litigation and legislative pulling and hauling in Congress elapsed before the project was approved.

The National Water Commission has until 1973 to present its recommendations to Congress. The chairman of the commission is Charles F. Luce, currently board chairman of New York's Consolidated Edison Co. and formerly chief of the Bonneville Power Administration, whose headquarters are in Portland, Ore. Luce also has served as Under Secretary of the Interior.

Past efforts to lay down a national water policy have failed for lack of broad public support. But such support should be easier to muster with each passing year. By the end of the century, the United States is expected to have at least 100 million more inhabitants than it does today. And since water consumption has been growing more than in proportion to population growth, a national solution to a nationwide problem sooner or later will become imperative.

Blame It On George Inflation

ART BUCHWALD
In The Commercial Appeal

WASHINGTON — Today we're going to have our quiz on inflation. You've had enough time to read up on it so you should do very well. All right, let's begin:

Question: Where does the word "inflation" come from?

Answer: In 1887 there was a bar and grill owner in San Francisco named George Inflation. One day he failed to receive a shipment of booze from the East. Since the demand for booze was great, George Inflation decided to charge 15 cents for a shot of whisky, instead of the standard 10 cents. He also made the shot glass smaller.

This did not stop his customers from buying booze, so he raised the price to 20 cents, then 25 cents. The other bars in San Francisco raised their prices accordingly, and when their customers complained the other bar and grill owners would say, "Blame it on Inflation."

Thus, inflation soon became part of the English language.

Q- What really causes inflation?

A- Economists. They're always talking about it. The trouble with inflation is that the more you talk about it, the more inflated things become. When the government says it's worried about inflation, business gets worried, too, and so it raises its prices to protect itself against the inflation the government is worried about -which, of course, brings on more inflation.

Q- Then why doesn't the government shut up about inflation?

A- Because it wants Congress to extend the 10 per cent surtax, and it has warned that, unless there is a surtax, inflation will run rampant.

Q- CAN YOU live with inflation?

A- You can if the bank doesn't take away your house.

Q- What about a little inflation?

A- Some economists say that a little inflation is a good thing because you have full employment. Other experts say it's better to have unemployment than inflation.

Q-Why do the latter say that?

A-Because they're working. Whether or not you have inflation, you're still going to need economists to tell you what you've got.

Q-What can the little guy do about inflation?

A-Write to his congressman and tell him if he doesn't do anything about it he's going to see that he's unemployed in 1971, which will be his contribution to fighting inflation.

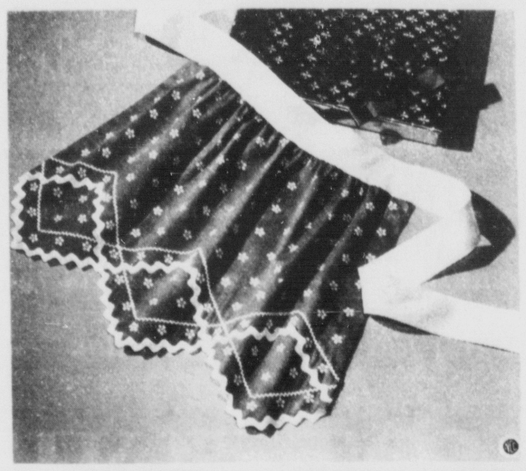
CROWNED FOR YULE

English folk festivals of the Middle Ages crowned a "Lord of Misrule," who directed the holiday celebrations.

SUDS shopping blues away!

After visiting every floor of the local department store in a single day to hunt presents for dad, the kids, grandma, and grandpa, you'll be ready for a "tired shopper" bath when you get home. Hang a "don't disturb" sign on the bathroom door and soak away in mildly warm water as though you had all the time in the world. Take along a pillow or rolled-up towel to rest your head on and a shower cap to protect your curls. Suds slowly with a deodorant soap, such as Dial, which can control the bacteria that cause body odor. When you begin to like the world again, let the water out of the tub, turn on the shower, also mildly warm, and sit down under it. Rest your head on your knees, and let the spray pelt you tenderly for a few minutes. After drying, dust with bath powder, and you'll be ready to battle the holiday rush once more.

Beautify A Bath with a brand new look in towels. Upcoming styles feature graphic and geometric designs as a fresh replacement for the ubiquitous florals. Color combinations are as sophisticated as the patterns.

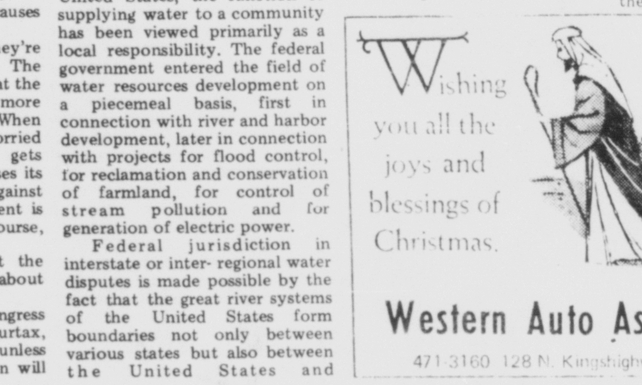


NEW APRON DESIGN—Easy and inexpensive to make is this colorful cotton print apron that requires only a half yard of fabric. The diamond-shaped hem is detailed and edged in Coats & Clark's jumbo and baby rick rack in contrasting colors.

Down With Gimmickry, say discriminating Christmas givers tired of the useless geegaws and "executive toys." Up with the lasting and meaningful gift as the way to convey season's greetings. Top choice — sterling silver flatware in gifts as small as a bon bon spoon for a favorite hostess; as lavish as a silver service for the mother who never had a chance to collect sterling as a bride.

Battle of the Scents

Regular users of perfumes and colognes often find that perfumed beauty products completely overwhelm the subtler fragrances. To avoid this, use unscented products such as new White Rain Unscented Hair Spray. It allows the expensive fragrances of perfumes to come through clearly and cleanly.



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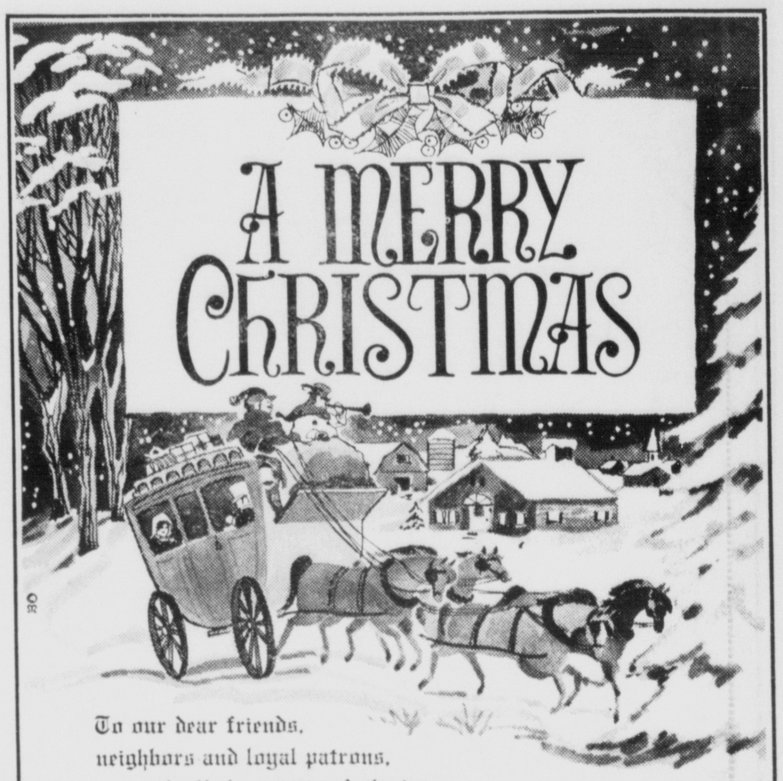

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Chiang's China After 20 Years

Chiang Kai-shek arrived on Formosa just 20 years ago -- on Dec. 10, 1949. Two days earlier his government flew to the island, where they set up Nationalist Chinese headquarters.

Taiwan eats well. That's about the most constructive thing that can be reported after two decades of rule of the island --otherwise known as Formosa -- by the Nationalist Chinese. The island Chinese consume an average of 2,579 calories daily, the highest diet in Asia.

With massive American aid, the Chinese under Chiang Kai-shek have accomplished what are hailed in Asia as both agricultural and industrial miracles. The FAR EASTERN ECONOMIC REVIEW observes: "The revolution to come lies not merely in machinery but drastically altering culture patterns which have remained largely the same for thousands of years. This means superimposing a whole new way of life on ... Asia."

The U. S. has a great investment in Taiwan. The State Department puts total economic aid since Chiang left the mainland at upwards of $1.5 billion. Military aid totals more than $2.7 billion. Economic aid was cut off at the end of fiscal 1963, except for food aid under the food for peace program, which ended in fiscal 1968. Military aid continued to the extent of $60.5 million in fiscal 1960.

Chiang Kai-shek flew to Formosa on Dec. 10, 1949, just 10 days after the Chinese Nationalist capital of Chungking was occupied by Communist forces. President Harry S. Truman on Jan. 5, 1950, announced that the United States would "not provide military aid or advice to Chinese forces on Formosa."

Secretary of State Dean G. Acheson followed the President, explaining that the 1.5 million mainlanders who had fled to Formosa were able to obtain all required military equipment for themselves. All they needed, Acheson said, was the "will to resist." Later, during the McCarthy era, Acheson was to be accused of trying to "write off" China.

However, economic aid, extended in 1949 to areas that remained free of Communist controls, was continued. And in effect, military aid was forthcoming. From 1950 on, Congress agreed to underwrite the cost of containing Red China.

President Truman on June 27, 1950, announced that he had asked Formosa to call off raids on the mainland. Truman said that he had authorized the U. S. Seventh Fleet to "see that this is done." This action, later called the "leashing" of Chiang Kai-shek, proved reasonably effective.

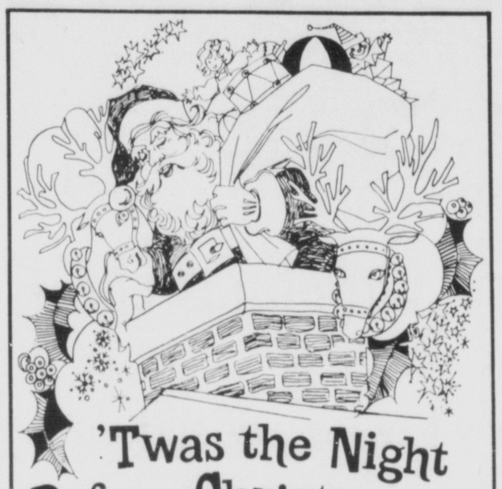
With increased Communist pressure against the Nationalist-held offshore islands of Quemoy and Matsu, the United States on Dec. 2, 1954, signed a mutual security treaty with Chiang's Republic of China.

The story since has been one of, if not exactly tranquility, increasing stability. China, with other preoccupations, particularly with the Soviet Union, has for all practical purposes given up its threats to Taiwan.

Chiang turned 82 by the Western calendar last Oct. 31. There is no official crown prince, but Chiang eventually may give over the power to his Russian - trained elder son, Chiang Ching - kuo, who is 60 years old.

Meanwhile, the China exiles prosper. The army is aging but extremely well trained. Fertilizer, once in short supply, is now being exported. In some items -- mandarin oranges, for example -- the export demand exceeds the supply. Taiwan will continue to eat well, and short of hemispheric or world disruption, the future points to economic progress.

For thousands of years men tried to find a way of making base metals into gold. Alchemists thought gold the perfect metal and that other metals could be perfected by addition of some elusive elixir or substance. The World Almanac notes. One formula guaranteed gold if you could beat the yolks of three eggs for an hour without once thinking of the word hippopotamus.



'Twas the Night Before Christmas...

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The Meaning of Christmas

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By The Rev. SMITH L. LAIN
Editor, FINDINGS
Author, "Prayer," in the
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The Episcopal Church Center
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Christmas is the time when . . .

We make approximately 75 per cent of our yearly profits. The time roughly between Thanksgiving and Christmas is our busiest season in the store. Easter is busy, too, but nothing like Christmas.

— a retail merchant

My wife and I think mostly about the kids. We had lots of fun when we were growing up, and we want our kids to have fun, too. Sure, we may go a little overboard on toys and all that sort of thing, but what the heck? Christmas is for kids, isn't it?

— a young father

We really go all out on music. Last year we hired a brass quartet to accompany the boys' choir. The congregation really loved it. The only trouble is that this year we'll have to come up with something even better or they'll think we are slipping.

— a church organist

People think they are celebrating an historical event. But they really aren't, you know. No one knows the exact date of Jesus' birth. The primitive church didn't even celebrate Christmas. Eventually the church settled on December 25th as a way to baptize an already popular, pagan holiday to celebrate the fact that the depth of winter was over and the days were getting longer again.

— a historian

Some of us get leave. Next Christmas I'll be home, I hope. It's a time when everybody should be home.

— a serviceman overseas

I get tired. The kids are on vacation. I have a thousand and one things to do — 500 cards to address, a half-dozen parties to go to, gifts for the children and Bob, a dinner party for Bob's boss and his snooty wife, get the tree and decorate it.

— a suburban housewife

People at Christmas time are kind of funny, kind of sad, kind of lonesome. Some are really happy no matter what reasons. Are these people really facing up to what Christmas is really all about? I wonder.

I have a copy of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible on my desk, and so I opened it and began to look through it, remembering what these people had said about Christmas. Here are some of the passages I found.

I found an expression of the wonder and humility of a mother expecting her first child, but a child unlike others: And Mary said.

"My soul magnifies the Lord
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden.
For, behold, henceforth all
generations will call me blessed;
For he who is mighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his name . . ." (Luke 1:46-49)

I found the simple, moving story of Christ's birth:

"And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to be delivered. And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn." (Luke 2:4-7)

And further on I found the joyous message of the angels to the shepherds on the hillside outside Bethlehem:

". . . I bring you good news of great joy which will come to all people; for to you is born this day . . . A Savior, who is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:11-12)

But perhaps, most important of all, I found the story of Christ's life, a life which changed the history of the world and of the relationships between men. He said:

"Blessed are you poor, for yours is the kingdom of God."
"Blessed are you that hunger now, for you shall be satisfied."
"Blessed are you that weep now, for you shall laugh."
"Blessed are you when men hate you, and when they exclude you and revile you, and cast out your name as evil on account of the Son of man! Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven . . ." (Luke 6:20-23)

And further on:

"Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. To him who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also . . ." (Luke 6:27-29)

For the message of Christmas is not just the familiar and beautiful story of the birth of Christ and of its meaning for mankind. Christmas is the time when we remember the promise fulfilled by the Man who was born on Christmas. The people I have quoted — people not unlike many of us — have forgotten the true meaning of Christmas because they have forgotten the *promise* of Christmas.

The truth of Christmas and the renewal of our belief in the real message of Christmas lies both in our understanding of the simple and at the same time awesome fact of Christ's birth *and* in our realization of the intimate and immediate way the fulfilled life of Christ touched and touches our lives.

PERENNIAL POSIES—A cheerful gift that gives year 'round pleasure is a bouquet of multi-colored flowers made from cotton calicoes, ginghams, and solids. Fabric petals are formed from two layers of fabric glued together with household cement for added stiffness. Buds are squares of fabric gathered over a loop of florist's wire.

Keeping The Truce In Ulster

LONDON -- English foot - soldiers are once again confronting Irish civilians as they have in past centuries. Tommies and the six-foot - high barbed wire curtain, euphemistically known as the "peace line," are all that keep Catholics and Protestants apart in Belfast. The prospect of British troops being quartered in Northern Ireland is an unhappy one for Parliament, but the daily possibility of the renewal of civil war seems even worse.

With reinforcements of Lifeguards, Lancers and Marines being airlifted in to keep the truce, it is 10 Downing Street which now calls the tune for the Ulster Parliament. Faced with the possible takeover by Westminster of his government, the beleaguered Prime Minister, James D. Chickester - Clark, has had to agree to almost everything Harold Wilson's government proposed.

The Commissioner of the City of London Police has been placed in charge of the Royal Ulster Constabulary. This force, which had nearly a third of its 3,000 members injured in the first months of rioting, was clearly incapable of keeping the peace. However, the Spectator notes that the Protestants have been highly distressed to see their government capitulate to the British.

Keeping the Irish at bay has been a nerve - racking operation for the British troops. The Financial Times reported that some of the soldiers said that holding Protestants and Catholics at arm's length was worse than keeping Greeks and Turks apart in Cyprus. Indeed, the army's task has become increasingly difficult as fear of the small patrols policing the streets after dark has diminished. At first the British were welcomed but now, as Mary Holland of the Observer notes, "there is a growing, resentful conviction that the Army is not there to guard their interests, but to contain them as troublemakers."

The heaviest fighting thus far was on the evening of October 11 when about 1,000 troops faced twice that number of Protestants who marched down Belfast's Shankill Road towards their favorite target, a block of houses known as "Unity Walk" which is exclusively rented to Catholics. Tear gas grenades were hurled into the crowd and 2 officers and 19 men were wounded. Now the battalions stationed in Belfast and Londonderry are preparing for the long, wet winter.

"The Ulster Premier will be sitting on a powder keg for months to come," the Spectator predicted, noting that "at worst, the powder keg will explode." How to appease 500,000 Catholics demanding civil rights, equal housing, and jobs without provoking a backlash among the million Protestants has been Chichester - Clark's dilemma.

The leader of the Protestant militants is the Rev. Ian Paisley, a fundamentalist who demounces Rome, Harold Wilson, and the devil in one long breath. Minister of Home Affairs James Callaghan accused Paisley of using "the language of war cast in a Biblical mould."

Despite all its talk of a "sell-out" the Unionist Party still aims to preserve the Protestant supremacy in Ulster, commented the Observer. The Protestants are particularly anxious there be no overtures to the southern portion of their divided island. They fear they would become an ineffectual minority in a Catholic dominated country should unification come about.

So tense is the confrontation between poor and ill-educated Catholics and Protestants in Northern Ireland that the peace could be shattered at any time by a stone, a petrol bomb, or a well-meaning overture to Dublin. As Callaghn told a hushed House of Commons, "If I said everything that was true about this situation, I could easily provoke a bloodbath."

POWER ROOM CAN FIT INTO 4x5 SPACE

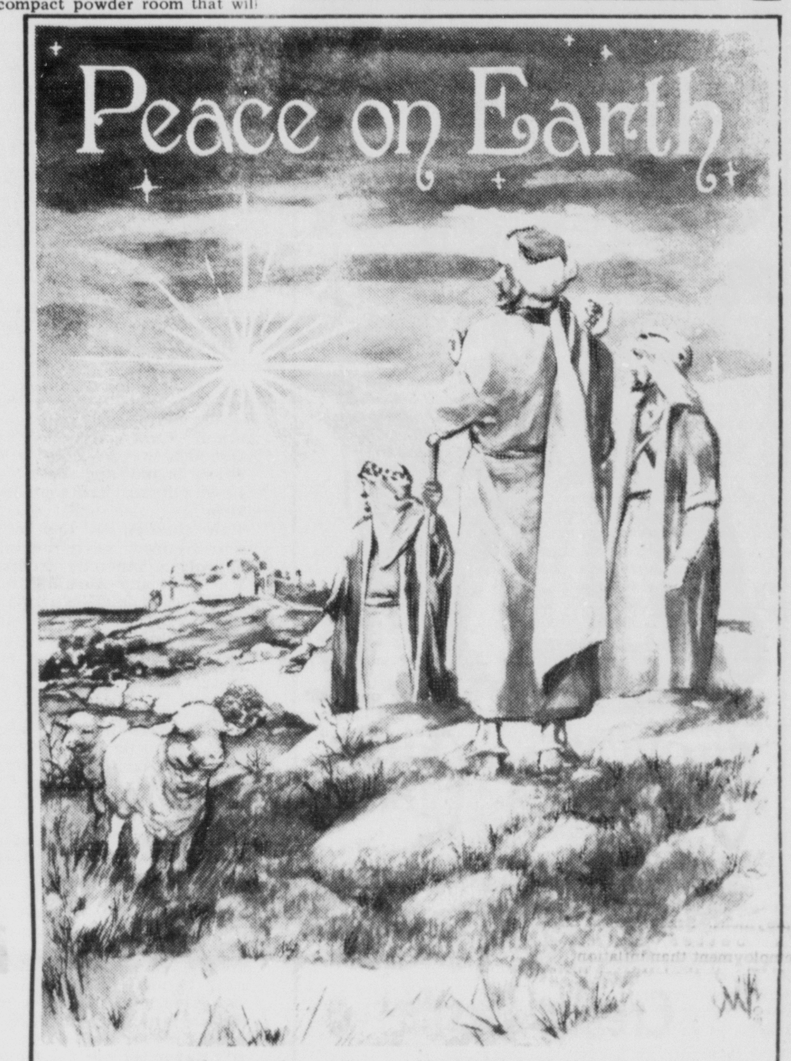
If your budget won't permit you to build on a much - needed bathroom, see if you can't find some waste space in an old closet, pantry, under a stairwell or at the end of a hall for a compact powder room that will ease the strain on existing bathroom facilities.

You can intall a powder room in a space as little as 4x5 feet, according to the Plumbing - Heating - Cooling Information Bureau. Lavatories and water closets that can be installed in corners are available for rooms with unusual shapes.

The Best to You at Christmas

May you and your family enjoy a happy holiday. We thank you warmly.

PARKER GARAGE



O, Holy Night, when all the world was still. There, in the distance, shone a mighty star with a luster that burns brightly now in the hearts of all men of good will. May thoughts of that first Christmas bring peace to all.

Thank you for your generous consideration.

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O, HOLY NIGHT

'Tis the night of the dear Saviour's birth . . . May His blessings be upon you and all of those you hold dear . . . may His star guide us to peace. Thank you, sincerely, for your valued patronage.

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FROM A TEEN-AGE MOVIE-MAKER

Animated Mouse Solves Yule Problem

Once upon a time in Bloomington, Ind., there lived a small mouse who was a very woeful character, barred from his mouse house by a rock that rolled down a hill and blocked the front door on Christmas Eve.

Peter was the mouse's name, given him by a 16-year-old film-maker named Gerald D. Reynolds, who wrote and produced "Peter's Christmas."

The Plot Thickens

Since it was the day before Christmas (in the film) and Peter had to be in bed if he was to receive any presents from Santa, Peter tried everything to move the rock.

Finally, his thoughts of Santa inspired him. He slid down the chimney just in time to have a merry Christmas after all.

And just in time to win a prize for his creator in the Kodak Teen-Age Movie Awards competition.

For "Peter's Christmas," Gerald Reynolds won a special award for cartoon animation. The film included more than 800 drawings — half on paper and half on celluloid — and 25 backgrounds.

From the judges he got high praise — "remarkably well-done," "good job of animation," "displays considerable technical and creative ability."

Gerald was one of hundreds of young film-makers in the competition that Kodak sponsors annually in cooperation with the University Film Foundation on behalf of the University Film Association, whose members serve as judges, and the Council for International Nontheatrical Events, which chooses films from among the winners for showing at foreign film festivals.

Communicating Ideas

Most of all he is a member of today's young film generation, a group to which the camera is almost as familiar as the pencil for communicating ideas.

Young people all over the country are making films today. Students at Drake High School in San Anselmo, Calif., produced "The Idaho Test," a satire on standardized testing.

A group of Long Island students produced "For Whom The Torch Burns," a 90-minute thriller spoofing a plot to kidnap the Statue of Liberty.

And teen-agers in Richmond, Calif., made "The Dream Blowers — A Story of Sand, Sound and Soul," a 16mm dream fantasy, for $100.

In addition to the high school crowd, movie-making appeals to innercity groups. It's especially booming on the college campus where an estimated 2,500 courses in film production and appreciation are currently offered in the United States.

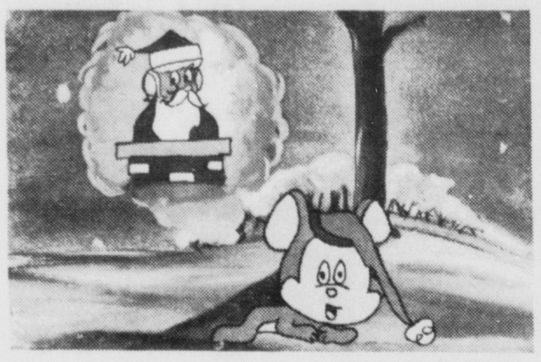
For Fun or Career

Most of these young people make movies for the sheer joy of it, but for some, movie-making is pointing the way to career opportunities.

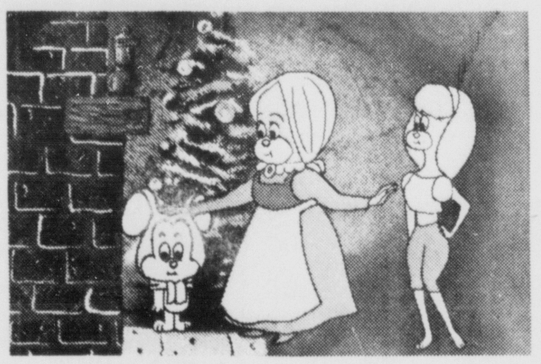
"I would like to have a small animation studio of work for one," says Gerald Reynolds, who also is interested in television writing.

For Gerald, "Peter's Christmas" gave a chance to tell the story as he envisioned it.

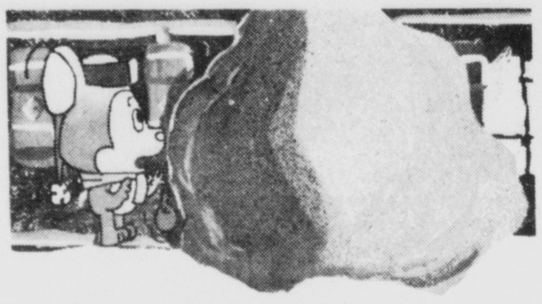
And for all the movie generation, encouraged by new easy-to-use cameras and dedicated to seriousness of purpose, the movie route appears the most natural, creative way in the world to make a statement.



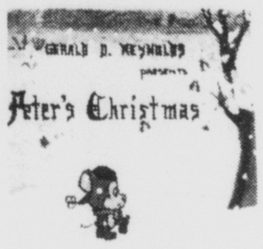
PETER TRIES ALL OF DECEMBER 23rd and 24th, but still the rock bars the doorway. Knowing that Santa won't leave him any presents unless he is in bed, he falls to the ground crying. But then he gets a brilliant idea. If Santa can slide down the chimney, so can Peter!



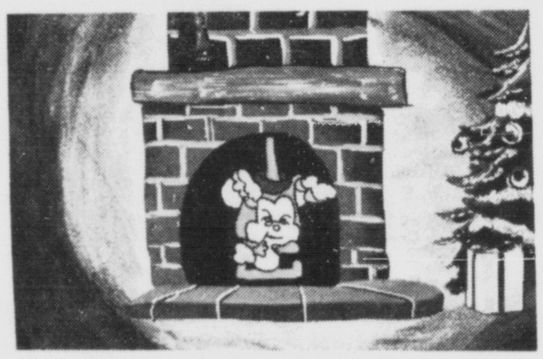
A MOUSE AND HIS CHRISTMAS PROBLEM is the subject of an animated cartoon, called "Peter's Christmas." The story begins happily on December 23rd, when Peter's mother sends him to the store for some groceries. The delectable teen-age mouse is his sister, Ellen.



PROBLEMS START POPPING UP WHEN Peter returns from the store with a big bag of cheese. He finds that a huge rock has rolled off a passing truck and is barring the entrance to the Mouse House. He tries pushing, shoving and leverage with a big stick, but to no avail.



"PETER'S CHRISTMAS" tells the story of a mouse barred from his mouse house on Christmas Eve. The film, by Gerald D. Reynolds, won a special award in the Kodak Teen-Age Movie Awards competition.



PETER FINDS THE GOING A BIT ROUGH about half way down, since he is new at chimney-sliding compared to Santa. But our hero does manage it and snuggles down into bed just before Santa arrives with his presents. And so Peter has a very Merry Christmas after all.

TRIMMING TREE

Tradition of decorating a community Christmas tree began in the early 1900's and is a favorite custom today.

Poinsettia Shows Season's Colors

Showing the colors of Christmas, red and green, the tropical poinsettia adorns many homes at the holiday season. Though it is now a favorite holiday houseplant, the poinsettia is a relative newcomer to the customs of Christmas.

It was discovered by, and later named for, Joel R. Poinsett. When he was serving as U.S. minister to Mexico in 1828, Dr. Poinsett sent a cutting of the plant to a friend.

Growers became interested, but it was not until 1906 that the poinsettia was marketed.

CHRISTMAS CHEER

As the Christmas season begins to sparkle with joy and excitement for all, may we take a moment to say thanks so much for your loyal patronage throughout the year.

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A Christmas Prayer

With most sincere hopes that peace and happiness be with us all. Many thanks.

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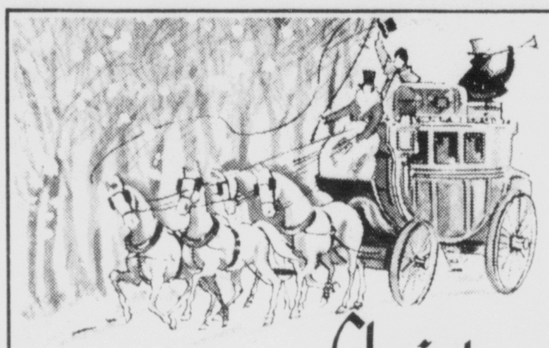

Christmas Cheer

We hope lots of good cheer will be coming your way during the holiday season ... and may we say "thank you" for your patronage.

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A very Merry Christmas

Lest we lose sight of the true meaning of Christmas, wouldn't it be well at this time to rededicate ourselves to the teachings of Christ? May each of us maintain the true spirit of Christmas in the days to come — Best Wishes to all our friends.

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1969 KODAK TEEN-AGE MOVIE AWARDS
Senior Category
Fourth Prize
THE CASE OF A LIFETIME
By: Kenton G. Murphy, 15, Westminster Schools, 1424 West Paces Ferry NW Atlanta, Georgia 30327
16mm Black-and-White Sound on Film 11 minutes

A tricycle, brought to life by special film-making effects and even given a personality, leads a teen-age boy down a spiral staircase, over high walls, up a metal chain, and finally down the road to his demise in THE CASE OF A LIFETIME. Throughout the chase, the trike keeps well ahead of the boy. At one point, it dances to an up-tempo, bossa nova beat on a theatre stage. After luring the boy into a fall into the orchestra pit, the trike slides over to him to make up for its wrong doing. A tender reconciliation takes place, trike and boy whiz through the streets together. Their euphoria is short-lived, however, and the trike, temporarily ignored, is off on its own again. A wild chae ensues, and just as the boy is about to overtake the trike, he trips and falls. Immediately, a siren sounds, and it turns out to be an "ambulance" with "medics" from the local heart bank ready to perform an on-the-spot heart removal operation. As the ambulance drives off with a plastic heart on the stretcher, he trike follows faithfully to the strains of a somber processional.

Judge's Comments:

THE CASE OF A LIFETIME was praised by the judges as a "delightful farce-comedy that obviously took an enormous amount of effort to produce." Its many humorous sight gags... excellent concept... most effective and gentle humanization of tricycle... and special excellence of musical score were also noted.

Christmas Joy

The Joyful Christmas Season is here again, giving us the opportunity to express our gratitude to our customers. Our pleasant association with you is a privilege indeed.

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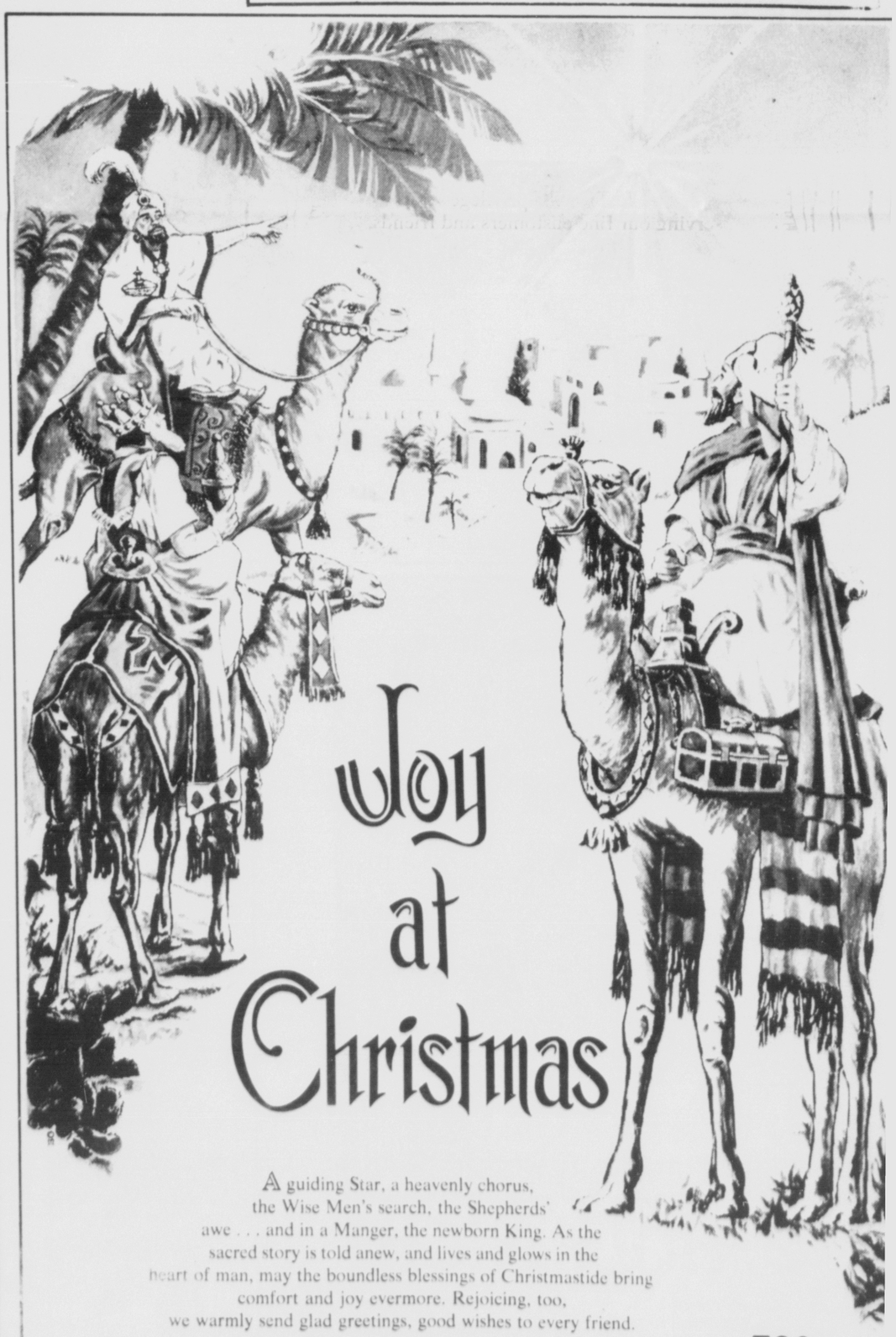

Joy at Christmas

A guiding Star, a heavenly chorus, the Wise Men's search, the Shepherds' awe . . . and in a Manger, the newborn King. As the sacred story is told anew, and lives and glows in the heart of man, may the boundless blessings of Christmastide bring comfort and joy evermore. Rejoicing, too, we warmly send glad greetings, good wishes to every friend.

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Christmas Cookie Shortcuts

'Tis the season for mother to bake cookies and for kids to munch them.

The gingerbreadman and sugary confections that delight the family can be more fun than drudgery for mom if she uses baking shortcuts and modern time-savers.

Always whip up several batches of cookies at the same time. You'll save stooping and reaching because all the ingredients will be out on the counter at once. While one recipe bakes, you can mix up the next. After popping the last dozen in the oven, you can start cleaning up.

Does the recipe call for greased cookie sheets? Cut time and shortening by using a Kleenex paper towel with a small piece of margarine or butter and greasing in circles on the pan where you will lay the cookies.

Every woman who has ever rolled cookies to cut knows how tough the dough gets after she works it in flour. Next time, mix half flour and half powdered sugar and sprinkle the mixture on your pastry cloth or dough board. The cookies will roll easier and faster, and the little bit of sugar absorbed prevents toughening by flour and handling.

When mixing dough too, you'll want paper towels handy just in case the phone or doorbell rings. If it does, wrap your hand with towels, and you can open the door or lift the receiver without making a sticky mess.

After you bake, cool cookies thoroughly on several layers of paper towels. The towels will absorb excess moisture quickly, and you won't have a messy cooling rack to wash up.

When cookies are completely cool, line the cookie jar with more towels. Stack the cookies in the jar, placing another towel on top. Made of two layers bonded together for extra absorbency, Kleenex towels will keep your cookies crisp and crunchy until the last crumb is gone.

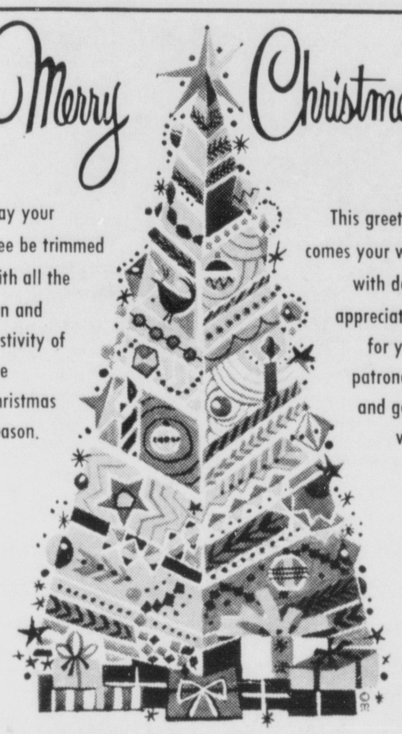
With the cookie project over, the lots of goodies hidden away on kitchen shelves, a quick wipe-up with damp paper towels will make counter tops and tables neat again.

Try a few shortcuts and time-saver paper towels this holiday season, and you'll find it easier to beat cookie-baking bother.

A Luxurious Thought for the man in your life: a replica of a solid gold Cadillac, filled with Avon after shave lotion. Molded in plastic with a glinty gold finish, the decanter is an authentic reproduction of the famous auto. Note these details: a trunk which is actually a twist-off cap; the handsomely-scaled body filled with a choice of three manly scents.

Merry Christmas

May your tree be trimmed with all the fun and festivity of the Christmas season.



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SLEEPWEAR ENSEMBLES—Appropriate gifts for mother and daughter or big and little sister are these cozy cotton sleep culottes. Added gift possibilities for young girls are the matching doll and a carry-all tote packed with sleeping bag and pillow in the same flower-printed cotton. By Slumbertogs.

3 cheers for Scrooge

Who said they hate Christmas?

Holiday hassle often brings on tension, colds, and complexion problems that can turn even the most cheerful person into a humbugging Scrooge.

If you find the season's greetings a real pain, here are some tips from Saunda, Inc. of Chicago to help you toast the holidays in spirited good health.

Uptight Shopping? Jostling crowds and heavy packages often spell frazzled nerves, tension tight muscles and tired feet. Next time you have that "oh, my aching body" feeling after shopping, relax with the Masseuse. This handy electric body massager with its unique quilted head will help you search out and smooth out even the most stubborn body aches — to feel good again.

Cantankerous cold? Holiday rush can leave you "run down." If you're frustrated because you're too stuffed up to smell the fragrance of hearty Christmas fare—take heart. The Nasal Hygiene Appliance gives fast temporary relief from nasal stuffiness, sinus congestion, excess smoking and dehumidity. The revolutionary appliance provides a warm mist that removes noxious materials from nose and sinuses to let you breathe again.

Facing-up to embarrassment? Tension from gift decisions, over-indulgence in festive cheer, late hours, rich foods—all ingredients for complexion upsets. You can face up to the holidays with confidence by using some complexion care. The face-saving facial appliance will help with its warm penetrating mist that cleanses away excess oils, make up, and dirt for a cleaner, softer more radiant complexion.

For yourself or as a gift, all these health care products by Saunda, Inc. are designed to help you give and get the most out of Christmas and all the days after.

DECORATING TRICK—A tall off-size window is given subtle decorating treatment in a bedroom that combines the old and the new effectively. The trick: vertical blinds of white cotton against an all-white background. Made with Tontine shade cloth, the blinds add linear definition while providing light and privacy control. Floral-printed cotton covers the antique brass bed.

PAUL FLOWER'S GREENHOUSE

Speaker, intoxicated by the sound of his own voice, repeated "now in the final analysis" several times in his masterpiece of eloquence the other day.

Hypercritical auditor, dousing his umteenth cigaret in the residue of a cup of coffee, took to woolgathering and wondered if there is such a thing as a semi-final analysis, maybe a quarter-final, and eventually an elimination analysis.

To Rudyard Kipling the civilized world is indebted for the line:

"A woman is only a woman, but a good cigar is a smoke."

It required a woman, the novelist George Sand, to write:

"The cigar numbs sorrow and fills the solitary hours with a million gracious images."

And Mark Twain, walking on a Hannibal, Mo., street with a cigar box under his arm, was asked by a neighbor:

"Whither, Sam?"

To which he replied:

"I'm moving."

It was about time for somebody to write and publish a book about cigars, their history, lore and the joys they impart to those who puff; Zino Davidoff has done it with "The Connoiseur's Book Of the Cigar" (McGraw-Hill, $5.95), 92 pages of charm in text and pictures, and bound to resemble a box of select smokes.

Mr. Davidoff was aided by Gilles Lambert, and the book was translated from the French by Lawrence Grow.

Exiled, Zino left Russia with his parents in a covered wagon, lived in Geneva; among his souvenirs from his father's tobacco shop in Switzerland is a bill marked "Not Paid," and the name of the customer, Vladimir Ulyanov, known to history as Lenin.

In Brazil Zino discovered black tobacco and was advised by a Brazilian planter to go to Cuba, which he did, and there learned the trade from seed to smoke. He write:

"We hever know exactly why we smoke. It is imperative, nowever, to know how to smoke."

Much of the book is devoted to explaining and demonstrating how to choose cigars, how to light them, even how to hold them. He urges that a cigar is also to be smoked with the fingers.

Although Winston Churchill, a cigar smoker of prodigious persistence, violated the rule, Zino submits that a cigar should be held between the index finger and thumb, not between index and middle fingers. There is a code of etiquette.

"Women who Ls Umeko T smoke and know how to enjoy a good Havana are more numerous than you might think, he writes ... George Sand and Alfred DeMussett, the poet, shared many happy hours puffing in unison; Amy Lowell, Imagist member of the famous Boston family, generally had a cigar either in hand to mouth; the author admits many famous women are customers of his shop in Geneva.

Famous men who were (or are) cigar smokers include Honore de Balzac, Lord Byron, Casanova, Comte de Chambrun, Charles Chaplin, Francois - Rene de Chateaubriand, Churchill, Henry Clay, Don Juan, Raoul Dufy, Edward VII of England, King Farouk, Marshall Foch, Sigmund Freud, Col. John Glenn, Ernest Hemingway, Victor Hugo, Rudyard Kipling, Ivar Kreuger, La Rochefoucauld, Franz Franz Liszt, Thomas Marshall, Groucho Marx, W. Somerset Maugham, Aristotle Onassis, Prince Ranier of Monaco, Sir Walter Raleigh, Edward G. Robinson, Mark Twain, Pope Urban VIII and Queen Victoria.

Among other points, Zino says it is untidy and bad manners to drop the ash on the floor, but otherwise no harm is done, unless you count the loss of certain esthetic values in looking at a cone of gray at the tip of a Corona, Perfecto, Panatela, Lonsdale, Culebra or demitasse, whether oscuro, maduro, colorado or claro.

Total production of cigars is about 700 million a year.

Commercial Appeal

THE RAVAGES OF MARIJUANA

The forces which support the marijuana traffic and favor the legalization of marijuana are talking louder every day. The press is full of quotations from this and that "expert" who claims that marijuana is only a harmless weed, and that the laws against it should be abolished.

Today we're citing some facts about marijuana, as found in an official report of the Los Angeles Police Department.

The use of marijuana results in marked dilation of the pupils and the eyes become bloodshot. There is an increase in thirst and appetite. Muscular incoordination is noted and hallucinations, delirium and alternate laughing and crying occur.

Marijuana, like alcohol, acts almost entirely upon the central nervous system, affecting motor control, perception, and judgment and releasing inhibitions which normally stand guard over behavior. Marijuana ordinarily produces an intial stimulation, during which the smoker becomes emotionally unstable, exhilarated, talkative, and giggly.

This stage is followed by a period of depression, during which he may become drowsy and lose contact with reality as he drifts into an euphoric state. Time and space are distorted; sights and sounds are exaggerated. He becomes intoxicated and he may walk unsteadily, see fuzzily, and act stupidly.

How does Marijuana harm society? Since a person using it has a strong desire not to stand alone against the express rules of society, he constantly attempts to influence others to share his position. There is great exhilaration in joining a band of "missinary outlaws" who are convinced that their psychic revolution will bring about the betterment of man. In their own view, they may feel they are "getting out of the rate race" and closer to reality. They believe, says Dr. Dana Farnsworth of Harvard, that they belong to a superior order of human beings.

Dr. Edward Bloomquist says, "Kids who get high repeatedly don't want to come down. They find a world where seemingly they have no problems and they become social bums. They turn the whole pot scene into a protest tool which they use to mock the middle- class culture they disdain."

Quick Holiday Fruit Glaze

Ham or fresh pork roasts become festive in minutes with this lemon-tart fruit glaze. Mix ¼ cup applesauce, ¼ cup pineapple preserves and 2 tablespoons of ReaLemon bottled lemon juice together. Spoon over roast half hour before removing from the oven.

This recipe and 70 others—including entrees, desserts, vegetables, breads, and beverages—can be found in ReaLemon Food's new 50-page recipe book. For your copy, send 25¢ to cover postage and handling to: Turn on Taste recipe book, 4834 West Armitage Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60639.

It's A Quilting Bee, and all the fashionmakers are in on the fun. The logical follow-up for all the patchwork fabrics we've been seeing, quilting adds a dimensional look to at-home clothes, jumpsuits, evening coats, and skirts of all lengths.

Merry Christmas

Best wishes of the season, friends, and grateful thanks.

Jerry Galemore's Standard Service

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS

We want to say a sincere "thank you" to all our great friends and wish them all the laughter, fun and good cheer of this happy holiday season

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At this festive time of year it is our tradition to express the gratitude we feel for the privilege of serving our fine customers and friends.

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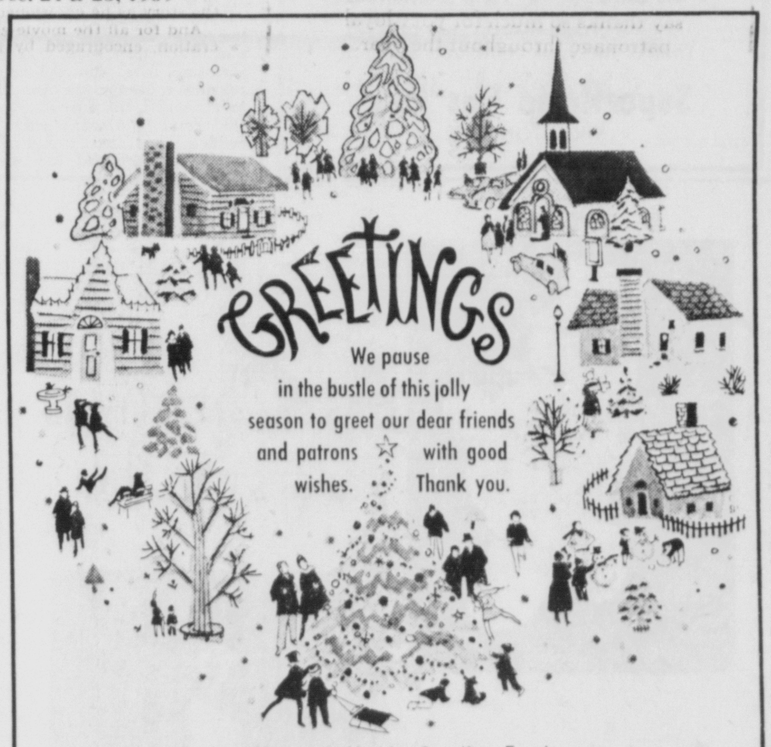
MALONE THEATRE



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We pause in the bustle of this jolly season to greet our dear friends and patrons with good wishes. Thank you.

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Allow us this moment, to send our sincere and hearty thanks and best wishes to all our friends and neighbors, whom we have served with pleasure and pride throughout the year. May the best of holidays be yours.

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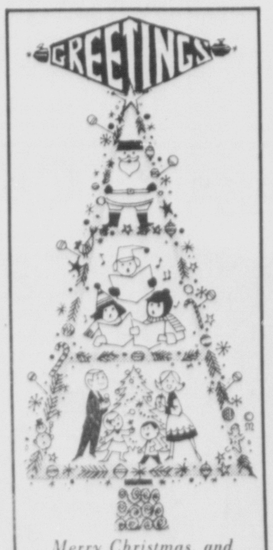

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Merry Christmas, and many thanks to our loyal friends and neighbors.

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Merry Christmas

May the essence of Christmas once again fill your heart and home with peace and lasting serenity.

To all our faithful and steadfast patrons, we wish the very best at the holiday season.

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Small Gift Of Love

By MARY ELLEN HOLMES

Captain would remember the 'Christmas Light' in Ellen's eyes when she saw the doll of transition between sun and stars - and she did not really see the doll until her overshoe touched it just inside the front door in the dark little hallway leading into her office. She reached down and felt, rather than saw, the smooth china of the face, the bulky softness of the nurse's cap, and the piece of paper pinned to the stiff white of the uniform apron.

Under the light on her desk she read the words. "Please give this doll to some little girl who will love it. Her name is Florence."

The note was unsigned.

And so- in the beginning - no one really did know where the doll came from at all.

Ellen Johnson was just eight years old when the small gift of love which was the doll was given to her. Exactly eight, for she had been born on Christmas Day, and it may well be that the Christmas birthday had prompted Captain Dunlap when she placed the doll, carefully wrapped in white tissue, on top of the Johnson food basket.

Or perhaps it was just that, from the moment she picked the doll up in the darkened hallway, the captain had been thinking how excited Ellen would be over the white uniform, the starched cap, the nurse's apron. Ellen, who, at eight, already knew that she had to be a nurse some day. Ellen, who, still almost a baby herself, could soothe a crying infant with her touch,or bring a fever down, or calm a frightened, hurt child, or bandage a wound, or heal a broken bird wing.

It was a long climb up five flights of stairs to the tiny room and a half where Ellen lived with her grandmother since her parents had been killed in a fire in a shabby tenement building across town, but to Captain Dunlap, the bushel basket grew lighter with every step. There was a small chicken in the basket, and potatoes, milk and butter, some onions and carrots and a soup bone. There was a homemade fruit cake wrapped in Christmas tissue and a knitted, warm shoulder shawl for Granny Johnson. And on top of the basket, carefully covered with white tissue, there was the doll. It was as if Captain Dunlap carried a little of heaven and earth in her arms. And who knows, perhaps she did!

Ellen heard her coming, and rushed headlong down the last flight to meet her. "Merry Christmas, Captain!" she called from the landing, "merry, merry Christmas!" At the child's insistence, Captain Dunlap released one wire handle of the basket toward her and together, carrying it between them as if it were a great treasure chest og gold, they climbed the fifth flight of stairs.

Inside the little apartment everything was spotless and shining. On a table near the window a lone branch of pine lent a sweet Christmas fragrance to a tiny Nativity scene, carefully, skillfully fashioned from magazine cutouts and matchsticks.

Captain Ann Dunlap lived to be 69, and until the day she died she never forgot the look on Ellen Johnson's face when she first saw the doll. Mostly it was the eyes, so large and luminous to start with, so filled with childlike hope and wonder. Christmas eyes, they were - and if you have ever met anyone born on Christmas Day you will know what that means.

The captain could not remember, afterward, what was said in the little room that late Christmas Eve. But she could remember, always, the eyes - the swift delight, the incredible joy, the great gratitude, and the sudden tears that welled like jewels and dropped like silver rain.

And in that room, in that moooment of time and space, the captain knew that, somehow, Ellen Johnson would be a nurse because someone, with the small gift of love which was the doll, had given her a star to follow.

A dozen swift years came and went - and in the, Ellen Johnson and "Florence" became something of a legend in Manhattan. It was as if God had granted to Ellen a special gift of healing. She had only to walk into a room and the sunshine came with her. She went gladly, willingly wherever there was suffering or pain or sorrow, and always when she left there was peace and calm behind her. If the patient were a child, then Florence accompanied Ellen, and often over the years the doll was left, clasped tightly in a child's arms, until a crisis passed, or a broken leg healed, or a rheumatic heart grew strong.

When finally, at twenty, Ellen was able to enter nurse's training, she was already more a nurse than many nurses ever learn to be. When she was capped she stayed on in the hospital and, although she was often offered promotions, she preferred to be what she was - a floor nurse, with a special affinity for those who needed her most. Somehow the most irascible patients accepted her, the most critically ill rallied, the most unhappy found hope.

And so it was not unusual at all that Ellen should have taken a special interest in Mrs. Jonathan Brewster from the moment she entered the hospital, for Mrs. Brewster was all three problems in one- irascible, critically ill following a heart attack, and utterly (and volubly) unhappy.

During his lifetime, Mr. Brewster had donated generously to the hospital, and his will had left a bequest large enough to build a children's wing in memory of the little girl the Brewsters had lost many years before. Now, in her illness, Mrs. Brewster reverted often to the past, one moment haughtily demanding service, the next pitifully crooning a lullaby to an imaginary child she rocked endlessly in her arms. Vestiges of grade and beauty still clung to her body, but bitterness and selfishness so overshadowed her spirit that in the first week of her hospitalization she went through eight private duty nurses, dismissing all of them and finally deciding not to hire any more.

Dr. Brock, who attended her, was more than a little troubled, but even he could not persuade her to treat her nurses as if they were human beings. It was almost as if Mrs. Brewster hated nurses and deliberately wanted them to hate her.

The family physician who turned the case over to Dr. Brock had been stricken himself with a heart attack two days after admitting Mrs. Brewster. From his own hospital bed, he had given explicit instructions and a grave warning. "She's like a dowager without a dynasty," he advised. "All her life she's had her own way and, difficult though it will be, you'll have to appease her in every way you can. To antagonize or upset her in her present condition would be fatal."

There were many times, in the weeks which followed, when Dr. Brock wondered if it would not be fatal for him if he continued to "take" Mrs. Brewster. In the old days, he might have been able to talk out his frustration with his wife, but Dr. Brock had been a widower for three years, and so he worried only his own heart with the old lady he wanted so desperately to help.

Through it all, though, Ellen Johnson was a godsend. Not that Mrs. Brewster was any less harsh with Ellen than with the others. If anything, she was even more critical and demanding. But in spite of it- or perhaps because of it - Ellen quietly came more often than necessary to the room, ministering to Mrs. Brewster's needs, speaking gently, making her comfortable.

As Christmas approached, Ellen tried several times to share with Mrs. Brewster the plans and preparations being made in the hospital for the holiday. But Mrs. : Brewster would have non of it. At the mention of Christmas she became sullen and melancholy and one day, when Ellen was especially happy over decorating the tree in the children's ward, Mrs. Brewster lashed out almost violently. "Christmas is stupid and senseless, and so are all the people who believe in it," she declared, staring icily at Ellen.

"Never that, Mrs. Brewster," Ellen answered as gently as if she were placating a disobedient child. "Christmas is full of warmth and wisdom. The very thought of the birth of the Christ Child makes me glad inside."

"Humbug!" Mrs. Brewster snorted, and if she had learned the word from Scrooge himself she could not have delivered it more convincingly. "If there is a God He would know better than to try to save the world with a baby."

"It was the only way He could," Ellen said. "If Jesus had come to earth as a king, people might have followed Him because of His power, or His wealth. When God sent Him as a tiny baby lying in a manger He knew that people would come to Him only because they loved Him. That's what Christmas really is, Mrs. Brewster - a small gift of love to lead men back to God."

"Love!" Mrs. Brewster rejoined. "Was it love that took away my only child?"

"Love gave her to you in the beginning," Ellen said softly, "and death does not really take away, except for just a little while."

They did not speak again of Christmas until Sunday afternoon, and then it was Dr. Brock who was responsible for the incident.

Sunday was Ellen's usual day off, but she had stopped by the hospital anyway just to see how Mrs. Brewster was. And so she was there, in the room, when Dr. Brock brought the Christmas tree.

It was a small artificial tree on a tiny standard, gaily decorated with old- fashioned ornaments and golden tinsel. He placed it carefully on the bedside table and smiled at Ellen across the glimmering star crowning the top branch.

"Merry Christmas to both of you," he said gaily. "I haven't had a Christmas tree since my wife died, and I decided I wanted to share it with my favorite patient."

"Get it out of here!"

The words were sharp, hysterical, "Get it out of here, I said." Mrs. Brewster raised up from the pillow, her face flushed, her mouth distorted, her breathing harsh and irregular.

In a moment Ellen had lifted the tree from the table, carried it into the corridor and rushed back to help Dr. Brock with his patient. It took a long time to calm Mrs. Brewster but finally, when she had dropped into an easy sleep, Ellen followed the doctor into the hall. He stood there awkwardly, holding the tree, looking like a small boy who had been punished for something he could not understand.

"She doesn't really mean to be unkind," Ellen said. "It's just that she's old and lonely and afraid."

The doctor looked at Ellen, her beginning to - gray hair under the little hat reaching almost but not quite to his shoulder, and before the gentle understanding in her eyes he was suddenly ashamed and shy.

"You're right," he said. "She really is!" And then, mostly because he wanted to express the warm glow he felt stirring within him at that moment, he handed Ellen the tree. "The tree isn't much," he said, "but the ornaments were mine when I was small, and the star is one my father made."

Love comes in many different ways, but never more simply or never more beautifully than it came that Sunday before Christmas to Ellen Johnson and Dr. David Brock, standing in the hospital corridor outside the door of an irascible old woman who had been their Cupid.

The days following that Sunday were filled with work and wonder. Ellen was more nurse than ever now, for love lent a new magic to her touch; and her happiness was a golden cup, full and running over, to be shared by all her patients.

All, that is, except Mrs. Brewster who grew daily more irritable and hard to please. She was sitting up a little bit at a time now, berating everyone in the hospital, especially Ellen. But when the supervisor sent Ellen to the other end of the hallway on emergency duty, Mrs. Brewster demanded her back immediately. "She's the only one around here I can stand to look at," she said.

Finally, Christmas Eve came. In the rest of the hospital there was the same hustle and bustle which accompanies Christmas any place. In the kitchen the turkeys were ready for their special stuffing; in the wards the Christmas trees were trimmed; from the hospital windows candles sent gleams across the snow; and in the corridors the carolers sang of a silent night, of a manger in Bethlehem, and of three kings bearing gifts and following a star.

But Mrs. Brewster would have none of it at all.

She asked the night nurse to close the transom, and when the carolers stopped at her door to wish her a merry Christmas she ordered them, imperiously, away.

She was sitting up in bed when Ellen knocked softly at the door and entered carrying the tissue - wrapped package. It was late, for there had been - as there always are - many Christmas Eve emergencies. Ellen was tired, and the tiredness showed in her eyes, but she had felt compelled all day to do what now she did.

"Merry Christmas, Mrs. Brewster," she said brightly. "I've brought you a gift.

"I have no need for gifts!"

Sullenly, Mrs. Brewster turned her face away from Ellen's look of compassion. "Merry Christmas, indeed. To me, this is only the day my daughter died." And then, as if she needed to be superior to cover up the tremor in her voice, she added icily, "What gift could you possibly give to me that would be of any value?"

"It's the greatest gift I have to give," Ellen said simply, "and I don't really know why I want you to have it, but I do."

Awkwardly, she placed the box on the bed and started for the door.

"Wait!" The word was sharp and demanding, and Ellen answered the command as naturally as she would have obeyed a doctor's order. "Take the gift with you," Mrs. Brewster said, "I don't need it."

"Oh, but you do!" And suddenly all the things Ellen had wanted to say for so long were pouring out in a torrent of words- kind words, beautiful words, words touched with tenderness and tolerance.

"It's more than a gift I bring you in the box," Ellen said. "It's all the things that gift meant to me. I was eight years old when someone sent it to me for Christmas. My parents were dead, and I was sometimes hungry, and always poor, and often afraid. But somehow, after that Christmas I was never really any of those things again. It was as if this were more than a gift- it was a symbol. Someone had shared love with me and kindness. Someone had sent hope to me wrapped in white tissue paper. Someone had given me a star in the darkness of my despair."

"And now..." the whispered words came strangely from Mrs. Brewster's lips, "... and now I am poor and hungry and afraid. And all my money cannot bring me love or hope - and nowhere in the darkness can I see a star."

"The star is there," Ellen said, "and if only you will let us, David and I will love you. That's why I brought the gift to you, to tell you now - as it told me then - that you are not forgotten."

Carefully she unwrapped the tissue from the box and placed the doll in its white uniform in Mrs. Brewster's cradled, empty arms.

For a long moment there was silence in the room, and then suddenly Ellen saw in Mrs. Brewster's eyes the same unforgettable things Captain Dunlap had seen in hers so many years before - the swift delight, the incredible joy, the great gratitude, and the sudden tears welling like jewels and dropping like silver rain.

Even before she heard the words, Ellen knew - it was as if she had known from the first moment Mrs. Brewster entered the hospital...

"It's Florence!" Mrs. Brewster said slowly, unbelievingly. "It's the Christmas doll I bought so many years ago for my little girl. It's the doll I took to the Salvation Army hall the afternoon my daughter died in the flu epidemic in 1918." And so, in the beginning - the story of the doll reads like a fairy tale woven from gossamer. There is mystery in it and romance, light and shadow, tears and laughter.

But most important of all, there is in it, and running through it, the great glorious message of Christmas itself- that no kindness is ever lost, and that a small gift of love is still the world's greatest miracle.

NEED MORE BATHROOM STORAGE SPACE?

Do you have an old-fashioned bathroom with lots of space but no place to put anything?

That's typical of many bathrooms in older homes, where fixtures are widely separated with nothing but bare walls between.

The solution is a remodeling job that includes well-planned built-ins, the Plumbing - Heating - Cooling Information Bureau points out. For example, an old freestanding lavatory can be replaced with modern twin lavatories mounted in a wide countertop. The space under the counter can be devoted entirely to drawers, entirely to shelves or to a combination of both. Alternately, one section can be fitted with a pull-out clothes hamper and the rest left to storage.

Of course the twin bowls in the countertop are a convenience in themselves, especially during the morning rush hour, when they speed traffic through the bathroom.

Another bare wall in the room can be devoted to floor - to - ceiling cabinets with handsome fronts. Extra supplies of linens and toiletries can be stored on top shelves and similar equipment in more frequent use on the more accessible ones.

Most old-fashioned bathrooms also have plenty of room for spacious medicine cabinets with two and even three compartments and a wide expanse of mirror that gives the bathroom an overall look of luxury.

Another way to utilize waste space in an old bathroom is to turn it into two complete bathrooms or to partition it in such a way that the tub is on one side and the lavatory and water closet on the other.

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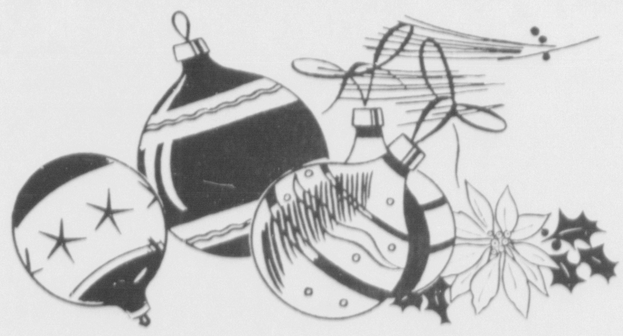

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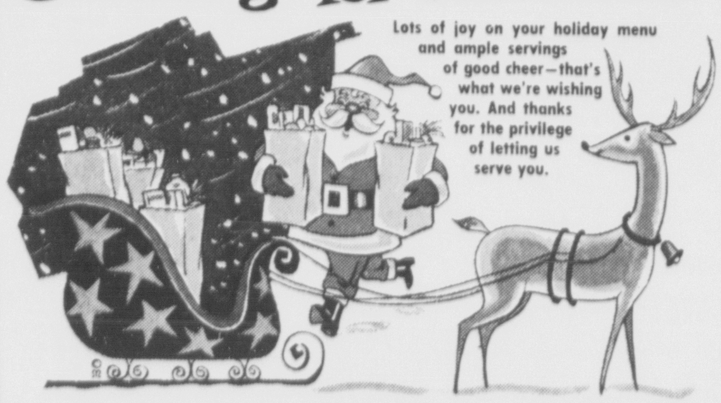

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Pilgrims in Many Lands

By L. PRESCOTT PLATT

To many Christians throughout the world Christmas means a journey to one of several major shrines to celebrate the birth of Christ almost 2,000 years ago.

For some the pilgrimage is long and difficult. In Chile thousands travel along narrow trails and through mountain passes to reach a small church near La Serena, where a small statue of the Holy Virgin and Child is enshrined.

The statue was uncovered many years ago by a Chilean peasant who appointed himself its guardian. As the number of persons who went to his hut to worship the statue grew, the annual occasion became increasingly festive. Today the celebration is known as the Fiesta of the Virgin del Rosario.

In Rome a fast precedes the official opening of the Christmas season, the beginning of which has been heralded for centuries by a signal gun fire at sunset on Christmas even, from the Castle San Angelo on the historic Tiber.

St. Peter's and its huge colonnaded square are filled with worshipers while the voices of the Sistine choir ring out richly above the throng.

In the New World Old Quebec City and its Fete de Noel draw thousands of pilgrims. Visitors to this shrine encounter French and English traditions, some dating from medieval times. They see re-enacted the centuries - old Saxon custom of dragging in the Yule log and the procession of the boar's head at the Chateau Frontenac. The pilgrim may visit the famous Basilica, seat of the cardinal. In the lower and oldest section of the city are the Church of Notre Dame des Victoires and the Shrine of the Little Cakes, "Les Petit Pains de Sainte Genevieve." There persons may obtain baked rolls, each about the size of a marble, which, if carried, supposedly guarantee that one's pocket will always contain money.

In the little parish church of St. Nikola at Oberndorf, Austria, is a memorial plaque depicting the ecstasy of Father Josef Mohr as he recites the words, "Stille Nacht, Heilige Nacht" to a guitar accompaniment by Franz Xaver Gruber. The words that had inspired the old pastor came to him as he returned from an errand of mercy one Christmas eve long ago. Under the bright and peaceful stars he whispered to himself, "It must have been a night like this, that silent, holy night in Bethlehem."

The well known carol, "Silent Night, Holy Night," might never had been known to the world had it not been for Father Josef's broken - down organ. It was the organ builder who heard the song, while repairing the instrument, and being impressed by its beauty and simplicity, transcribed it for a family of folk singers who traveled throughout the country at that time.

DIARY OF A WOMAN IN WHITE

An internationally renowned noval, France's half - million - copy number one bestseller, DIARY OF A WOMAN IN WHITE by Andre' Soubiran, makes its first American appearance in this Avon edition.

Written in diary form, the novel represents the intimate revelations of a young woman who elects to hazard her brilliant career -- and even her hopes for happiness and fulfillment as a woman -- in order to fight for sexual freedom for all women. The French newspaper LE FIGARO commented, "It plumbs the mind and soul of this woman in white, making her confront for herself, and for all women, the problem of love, the problem of the unwanted child, the problem of birth control."

We send best wishes for happiness and good health in this holiday season, as well as our grateful thanks to all.

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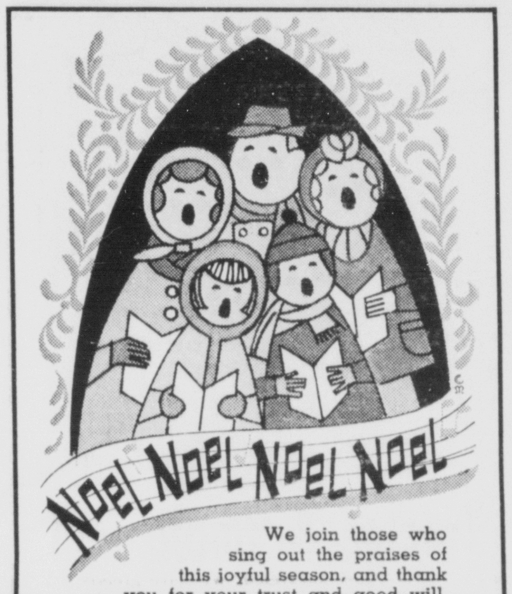

We join those who sing out the praises of this joyful season, and thank you for your trust and good will.

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Gift Ideas for Unrelated V.I.P's

In every gal's life, there are about a dozen very important people who aren't related by either birth, marriage or friendship.

They have probably never seen the inside of her house and couldn't care less if she's five pounds overweight.

These people are the garage mechanic, the hair stylist, the manicurist, the mailman, the milkman, the regular sales clerk, and other miscellaneous "service" people.

Without their cooperation a gal has had it. With them on her side, life becomes a breeze.

For 11½ months of the year, a perfectly normal business relationship is carried on with these people. But at Christmas time it's all up for grabs and proper appreciation must be shown for past service rendered.

In other words, it's Christmas gift payola time and a smart chick will make sure there's a little something extra for each of these important people—in addition to the cash envelope, of course!

To her rescue comes The Paper Mate Company, which has created two new products this year that can serve as absolutely lovely "extra" presents for the v.i.p. list.

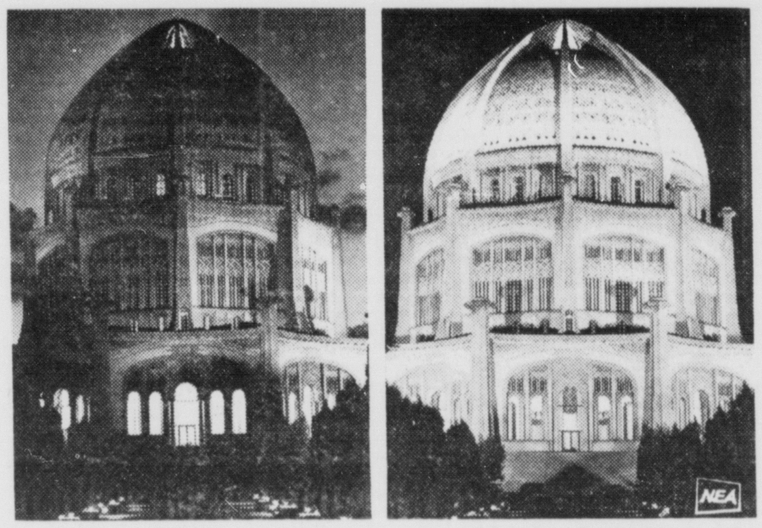
For the females, there's the slim and graceful Petite pen with the new powerpoint refill that writes by pressure rather than gravity. With it, you can even write on walls!

The powerpoint writes at any angle, even upside down, and has a cleaner, clearer line than conventional ballpoint pens.

For the men, there's the useful and utilitarian Flair pen in a variety of bright, clear colors. The milkman will find it handy for marking the milk card and the garage man for totaling the bill.

And if she's really with it this year, the foresighted shopper will get extra Paper Mates to give as presents to last minute "thought of's" or drop in guests or even Christmas stocking stuffers.

They're also pretty nice to use for addressing Christmas cards, drawing up shopping lists, or writing gift labels.



LET THERE BE LIGHT. The Bahai House of Worship, a well-known landmark in the Chicago suburb of Wilmette, Ill., has been brilliantly floodlighted with a unique blend of "warm" and "cool" light. The temple is the first major house of worship in the world to use this dramatic new lighting technique. It creates a subtle transition from warm, "golden-white" tone at base to a cool, "blue-white" hue at top of 165-foot structure. Photo at left shows temple as it appeared before introduction of GE lighting system, right, which makes it visible from downtown Chicago, 18 miles away.

(CONTROL TOWER FOR CAPE AIRPORT PASSES MAJOR HURDLE)

WASHINGTON, D. C. -- 10th District Congressman, Bill D. Burlison, announced passage today by the House of Representatives of the Fiscal 1970 Appropriations bill for the U. S. Department of Transportation which included a committee directive for approximately $200,000 for the construction of a control tower at the Cape Girardeau Municipal Airport. Current Federal Aviation Administration estimates call for construction to be completed in either late 1971 or early 1972.

"Cape Girardeau is in need of improved traffic control facilities to accommodate rapidly expanding industrialization in the 10th District", the Congressman stated. "The FAA has informed me that take-offs and landings at the airport now exceed some 35,000 annually."

Burlison reported that the bill, H. R. 14704, still faced action by the Senate, but expressed confidence that the Senate would soon act favorably on the legislation.

Burlison voted for the bill.

Never let coffee stand because time changes flavor. Serve that coffee the moment you have made it!

Resolve to have a rosy glow

If you want a silkier skin, and a rosy glow for 1970, set out to improve your complexion when you write your New Year's resolutions. Proper skin care can win you compliments through the holidays and all next year.

To start on the road to a rosy glow, type up the following steps and tape them to your bathroom mirror or bulletin board. Follow the rules closely and check your progress at least monthly.

Cleanse your face thoroughly each day. Wash your face whenever it's dirty, of course. But it's especially vital in the morning to remove oils secreted during the night and in the evening to suds away cosmetics and the day's grime.

The efficient beauty seeker lathers twice at each washing with hands, a washcloth, soft brush or sponge. As you suds, massage gently with upward, circular motions. Don't forget your neck. It's the part of your complexion too. Rinse thoroughly and suds again. Use a deodorant soap, such as Dial, which can help control growth of infection causing germs and bacteria which cause body odor. Finally, rinse with warm water and finish with a cold splash.

Try new tricks on your skin from time to time. Changing the cleansing routine can help keep you enthusiastic about complexion care. Why not steam your face once or twice a week before you suds? Wrap a large bath towel over your head, then hold your face over a basin of hot water. The steam will help your face perspire, and the heat melts oily deposits and lures blackheads to the surface. Cleanse after steaming with Dial soap. Then splash with cold water.

Eat healthy, well-balanced meals. If you diet, do it sensibly. Crash cuts in food intake rob your skin of the vitamins and nutrients it needs. At the same time though, you might want to cut down on foods that trouble your skin.

Exercise daily and get lots of fresh air. You'll stimulate circulation and muscle tone.

Sleep well for skin's sake. Seven, eight, or nine hours of slumber each night help you avoid puffiness and dark shadows.

Play by the rules this year, and your complexion will take on a new healthy look. Here's to a rosy glow in 1970!

MBABANE, Swaziland (AP) — The cabinet has decided to switch this African monarchy's weights and measures from the British imperial to the metric system. The change will take place over a period of four to five years. Britain and South Africa, Swaziland's main markets, will be using the metric system in a few years' time.

Christmas Greetings

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The Medigame

Editor: Ron Grandon

Washington, D.C. — The 615,000 increase in the number of new cancer cases last year was accompanied by an even more sinister development - the increase in activity of the so-called "cancer quacks."

The National Cancer Institute has called this century, not the Middle Ages, the "Gold Age of Quackery."

The pretenders to medical skill, according to one government estimate, bilked the public of more than $1 billion for useless cures, food fads and mechanical devices last year.

A woman receiving radiation treatment for cervical cancer from a phyician experienced "radiation sickness" - a temporary condition that sometimes, occurs with this therapy. Instead of talking it over with her doctor, she decided the radiation was not helping her and sought the aid of a well-known cancer quack. She stopped the radiation treatment and started taking the quack's expensive "special" medicine.

Since the radiation side effects went away, the woman felt better for awhile and believed the quack was curing her. A short time later she died.

In another case, a man noticed blood in his urine and concluded that he had cancer of the bladder. Rather than consult a doctor, he went to a quack. As his condition became steadily worse, he finally saw a doctor.

The time he wasted meant the difference between catching an early cancer, for which high cure rates are possible, and an advanced case with a much lower chance of cure.

According to the Cancer Institute, "The cause of cancer is still unknown, although intense research efforts are bringing us closer to the answer every day."

The only people who claim to have solved the mystery of cancer and to have a cure- all for it are the quacks.

The backwoods quack with a cure- all potion brewed under a full moon is easy to spot. Sometimes, however, the quack claims medical training and surrounds himself with "scientific" equipment.

Finally, The Cancer Institute insists, a biopsy is the only sure way to tell if a tissue is cancerous. There is no test of the blood or urine that can detect all forms of cancer, and certainly no one can spot cancerous tissue just by looking at it.

According to the experts, here are some of the things you should watch for. Any one of them should arouse suspicion. More than one should convince you that you are dealing with a quack.

The remedy is secret and available only from him. In truth, there are no "secret" cures in legitimate medicine, and any effective treatment is available to all doctors.

His remedy is the only one that really works. There is more than one way to treat almost every disease. Although a physician may prefer one type of treatment, he is usually willing to admit that other methods can be of value, too.

He refuses to consult reputable local physicians, claiming he is being persecuted by a "medical trust" which wants to prevent discovery of a cancer cure since this would put them out of business.

On the contrary, doctors did not suppress the discovery of radium, insulin, antibiotics, tranquilizers and other drugs. Legitimate doctors welcome a chance to consult their colleagues on a difficult case.

PUT AWAY TOYS FOR RAINY DAYS

What to do if your preschooler receives too many toys for Christmas?

It's a familiar problem — especially for families with one child or the first grandchild.

When a preschooler has too many new toys to play with he may become frustrated, unable to decide which one to play with first. Or he may try to play with them all, and not reap much benefit or enjoyment from any of them.

The solution, according to Playskool research, is to put some away temporarily, and to do it immediately, before your child has an opportunity to miss them. They'll be much more appreciated on some future "rainy day."

In deciding which ones to store, take into account his present interests and level of development as well as the variety, size, and play value of the new toys. Toys which are too advanced for him should be put away until he's ready for them. Extra action toys will be a perfect surprise for that day when he (and you) are housebound and bored. A quiet game type toy or puzzle is just right for when he's in bed with a cold.

Christmas lasts for several months when wise parents distribute toys from generous Santas to best help their preschoolers discover his world through play.

We'd like to extend the best of the season to all and say thank you for making us your auto service and accessories headquarters.

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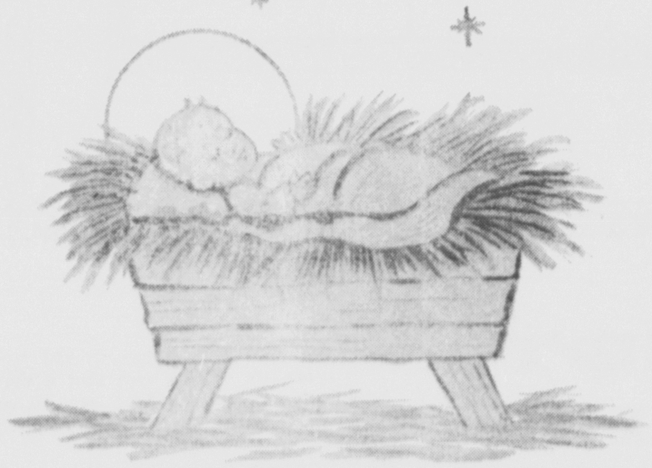
May you have the Peace Hope and Love which is Christmas



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Merry Christmas

May there come to you at this Holiday Season all the precious things of Life; Health . . . Happiness . . . Friends . . . and Peace.

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The Aromas Of The Holiday Season

The pungent aroma of spices and herbs means happy holidays to generations of Americans.

The wooden cookstove has given way to the electric range, but the same delectable odors of fresh mince pie, fruit cake, and roast turkey mingle with the pine fragrance of the Christmas tree.

Many popular, holiday herbs and spices have such a long history that myths still cling to them, the National Geographic society says.

Rosemary, for example, is tied to the story of Christmas. Legend holds that the herb's white blooms turned to the blue of the Virgin Mary's cloak when she hung it on a bush to dry during the flight into Egypt. The plant then became known as "Mary's Rose."

Ancient herbalists believed that sage, now a staple in many dressings, improved the memory and assured long life. Doctors at Salerno, the great medieval school of medicine, asked, "How can a man die who grows sage in his garden?"

Imported by the Pilgrims, sage, bay leaves, and thyme were among the first herbs to flavor festive American meals. In 1672 John Josselyn, Gentleman, in his work "New England Rarities," included thyme among the dozens of "herbs as do thrive here."

Marjoram's scent always has been highly regarded. Ancient Greeks and Romans believed the fragrant herb had been created by Venus, goddess of love, and used it to make crowns for happy young couples.

In the Middle Ages, the demand for spices bordered on mania. Rents and taxes often were paid with pepper. A pound of ginger could buy a sheep and an equal amount of mace was worth half a cow.

After explorer Marco Polo's journey to the mysterious "lands of spicerie," European merchants realized that sources of enormous profit could be reached by ship.

Portugal, Spain, England, and Holland raced each other to the Orient and battled for control of spice - producing lands. Monopolies were jealously guarded. London stevedores had their pockets sewn to discourage thefts. If the price of cinnamon fell too low in Amsterdam, the Dutch burned surplus stores.

Despite its high value, cinnamon found a ready market in western Europe. It was used in medicines, perfumes, and ointments long before its flavor was fully appreciated.

Cloves have been savored since early times. In the third century B. C., courtiers in China were compelled to hold the dried nailshape clove buds in their mouths when addressing their sovereign.

Pepper always has been the king of imported spices in the United States. It accounted for about 19 per cent of the 300 million pounds of spices and herbs consumed last year, according to the American Spice Trade association.

Saffron, however, is the most expensive spice. It takes some 75,000 saffron blossoms to yield a pound of spice - bearing stigmas; the wholesale price is about $100 a pound.

FUR COATS FOR MEN are "in" again this year, it seems. At left is one in natural muskrat with leather patch pockets. Actors Frank Converse (center) and Patrick O'Neal (right) appear in a checkerboard calfskin and raccoon, respectively.

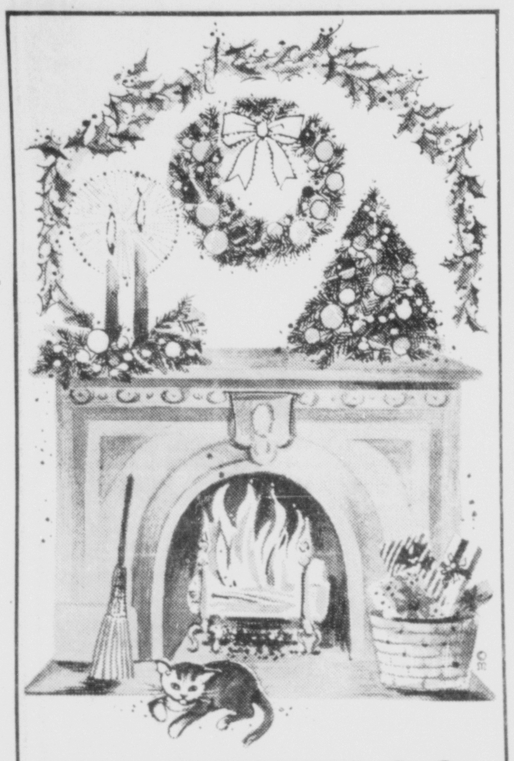
Doily Tree for Holidays

If you fancy tradition, but are tired of the usual blinking lights, tinsel and ornaments you may want to make your own Christmas tree.

An unusual tree can be made with paper doilies, and other materials purchased from a variety store at relatively small cost. The framework for the tree is chicken wire and a broom handle anchored in a porcelain container filled with polished stones.

The paper doilies are easily inserted in the chicken wire openings, and can be highlighted dramatically by bunches of blue bachelor buttons tied with red and white ribbons or by other types of bouquets or ornaments.

United-DeSoto, Chicago wallcovering manufacturer, suggests that the doily tree makes an excellent accent for traditional furnishings.



GREETINGS

May your home be warmed by the spirit of the Christmas spirit. And to our loyal patrons and neighbors we extend our thanks.

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Blessings

Joy and blessings to all, during the Holiest of Seasons.

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Downtown Sikeston

WATER IN THE BEDROOM IS MAKING STRONG COMBACK

Great grandmother had water in her bedroom and performed her morning toilet with the aid of a china bowl and pitcher. Then came the bathroom, and water moved out of the bedroom.

Now it's making a strong comeback, the Plumbing - Heating- Cooling Information Bureau points out, as bedroom vanity lavatories are growing increasingly popular, especially with mothers and their teenage daughters.

Manufacturers are making vanity cabinets to fit in with any bedroom decor. Countertops come in stain- resistant simulated wood or marble or in dozens of other finishes. The bowls themselves can be virtually any color or decorated with flower, fruit or other designs. Faucets are veritable jewels - shiny chrome, acrylic that sparkles like cut- crystal, even gold- plated. Shapes vary from high- style modern to dolphins, swans, mermaids or what you will.

It's predicted that in a few years the bedroom vanity lavatory will grow more and more elaborate, enhanced by such accessories as specially framed mirrors and lights. It will be the focal point of the bedroom, with the rest of the room planned around it.

'Tis always the season for Festive Coffee Cake

Everybody likes a party—especially one featuring good food! That's why we're inviting you to try fabulous Festive Coffee Cake next time you're the hostess for brunch, bridge, or a kaffee klatch.

Like cream and sugar, cake and coffee are a natural twosome. The secret ingredient which makes this coffee cake something special is Bordo imported diced dates. Deliciously mellow and not too sweet, imported dates retain their rich flavor well during baking and make a delectable difference in every coffee cake crumb!

During the holiday season, have fun—and "dress" Festive Coffee Cake for the occasion! For Christmas, bake your cake in a Christmas tree-shaped pan and decorate it with ornaments of halved red and green maraschino cherries. Or use an angel food cake pan to make a holiday wreath, garnished with sliced citron and cinnamon drops and "tied" with a red icing bow.

FESTIVE COFFEE CAKE
½ cup (1 stick) butter
1 cup sugar
2 eggs
2 cups cake flour, sifted
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
1 cup sour cream
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 teaspoon lemon juice
1 8-oz. package Bordo imported diced dates, or whole dates cut up

FILLING
½ cup sugar
1 cup chopped pecans
1 teaspoon cinnamon

Cream butter and sugar. Add eggs one at a time, beating after each addition. Sift flour, baking soda, baking powder and salt together. Add dry ingredients and sour cream alternately to egg mixture. Add vanilla and lemon juice and blend. Fold in dates.

For filling, mix sugar, pecans and cinnamon.

Use 13x9x2 inch pan. Pour ½ cake batter into greased pan. Sprinkle ½ filling evenly over batter. Cover with remaining batter and sprinkle top evenly with remaining filling.

Bake at 350° 40-45 minutes or until top is golden and cake tests done.

Festive Coffee Cake is just one of many exciting entries in Bordo's new "Modern Almanac of Date Recipes." For your free copy, just write to: Bordo Date Book, Dept. DJE, The Bordo Products Company, 2825 North Sheffield Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60657.

BLOEMFONTEIN, South Africa (AP) — Modern styles moved a local church organization to appeal for a government censor board to control women's fashions. The Women's Aid Service of the sternly Calvinist Dutch Reformed Church further resolved to ask local fashion designers to produce creations "suited to South African culture." They also want education authorities to act against "scantily clad" teachers and give "positive" instruction on clothing to pupils.

as the old year fades...

As the old year fades into the past, our thoughts turn to those whose good will and confidence have made our success possible. May the Christmas Season bring you a full measure of health and happiness.

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merry Christmas

To friends old and new we send our warmest wishes for a Merry Christmas, filled with the joys of giving and receiving. Our thanks to you.

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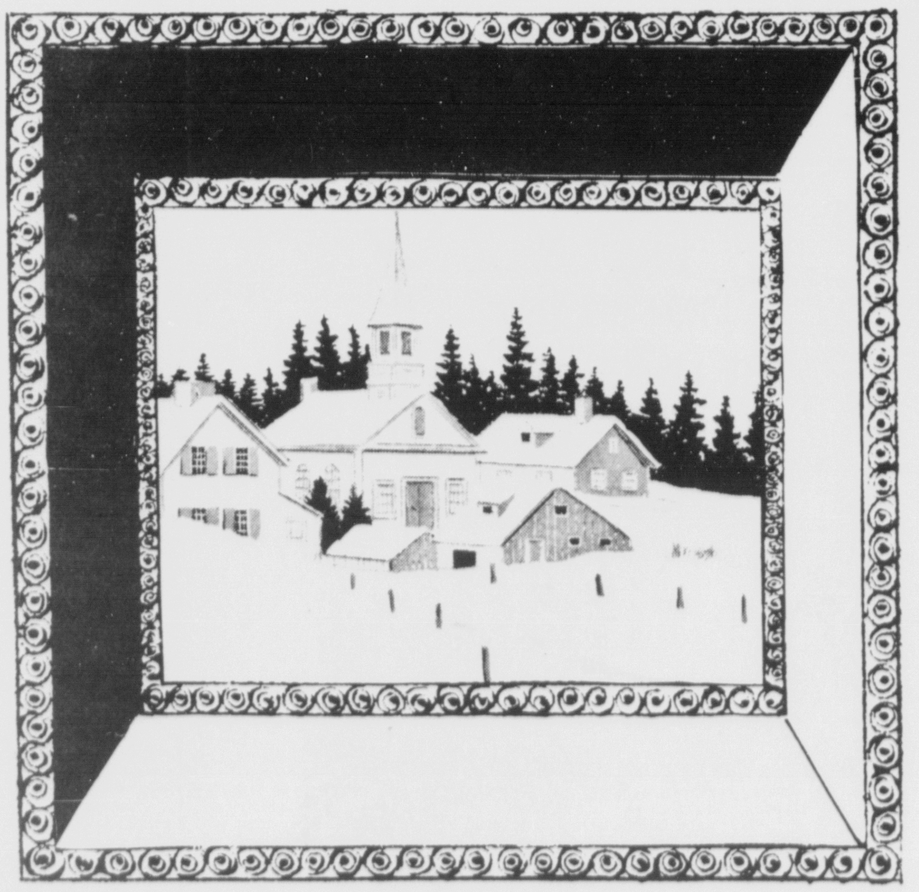
Peace

GOODWILL TOWARD MEN

May the spirit of peace which is the essence of this season instill in all a feeling rich in goodwill . . . Thank you all.

DELTA LOAN

Sandy Odum
Mary Lou Welter
Jo Ann James
Deborah Caldwell
Felix Cooper
Hubert Wilson



BEST WISHES

As Christmas comes to you this year, we warmly wish that it may bring an ever deeper, ever richer meaning to you and your loved ones.

JUNIOR CHAMBER of COMMERCE

STAN EUDY, PRESIDENT

Women's Health

By Elizabeth Stewart
Women's Medical News Service

A DOCTOR'S DEMURRER

Brimingham, Eng. — "I do not wish to be resuscitated."

In the midst of growing debate about the morality and desirability of sustaining life artificially, a British doctor expresses his own strong view in the British Medical Journal. The physician, A. Paton, who wrote the same instruction in his diary, suggests that a poll be taken among other doctors to see how they feel about their own resuscitation.

Calling for reconsideration of "the modern epidemic of resuscitation," Dr. Paton believes that each person "of sound mind" should be allowed to decide for himself whether he wishes to be allowed to die. This information could be included in his medical records or carried on his person. As the situation stands now, Dr. Paton says, medical teams feel compelled to try to revive everyone.

A nurse told the physician that she had found a fool- proof way to transmit the same message. Tattooed across the top of her chest was the message, "Not for...", followed by the telephone number of the cardiac arrest team.

"When the time comes," Dr. Paton writes, "I wish to die with dignity– and for ever. It's not death that scares me but the immense bother of dying."

LONG LIVES AND MERRY ONES

Washington, D.C. — The long- lived may be smarter, richer, happier and more stable than other people, according to studies presented at an International Congress of Gerontology.

Researchers, keeping track for 12 years of men and women in their sixties, have found that those who made it safely into their seventies usually scored significantly higher on intelligence tests than those who died within three years of the study's beginning. Long- term survivors also tended to retain their intellectual vigor, to lead busier lives and to be better educated.

Among the short- lived men, eight out of 10 had had trouble making ends meet. Among the long- lived, only three out of 10 had minimal incomes. Nearly half of the 70- year- olds said they were better off financially than they had been at 55 years of age.

Marriage seems to promote longevity too, particularly for women. Spinsters, widows and divorcees die markedly sooner than women living with their husbands. Husbands tend to live longer than the unmarried men, but the difference in survival is less striking.

MORE THAN MERE SWALLOWING

San Francisco - A specialist in family planning has cautioned her fellow doctors that family planning is "not the private domain of a few specialists," but is vital to the practice of all good medicine.

As examples, Dr. Mary E. Lane, clinical director of the contraception service of the Margaret Sanger Research Bureau in New York, cited a man with a heart attack whose wife should certainly not have a fifth baby, an "already overburdened mother" who should not have to cope with a grandchild and a teenage daughter, a young impoverished couple who should not yet begin their family, and an already neglected child who should not have another brother or sister.

Good medicine, Dr. Lane believes, deals with human relationships as well as illness or potential illness. Because of this, "more is involved in contraception than the mere swallowing of a pill" and doctors can help patients improve the patterns of their lives.

Mini Fruit Cakes A Maxi Gift

Your holiday hostess will know you appreciate her when you bring a gift of homemade fruit cakes. She'll thank you all over again when she discovers how easy it is to serve and eat these mini treats. They're just big enough to satisfy a sweet tooth and small enough so no slicing is needed. This recipe and 70 others can be found in ReaLemon Food's new 50-page recipe book. For your copy, send 25¢ to cover postage and handling to: Turn on Taste recipe book, 4834 West Armitage Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60639.

MINI FRUIT CAKES

- 1 cup butter
- 1 cup sugar
- 3 eggs
- 2¼ cups sifted all-purpose flour
- 2½ teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon nutmeg
- ⅛ teaspoon cloves
- ⅓ cup ReaLemon lemon juice
- ½ cup sour cream
- 1 package (1 pound) candied fruit mix (2 cups)
- 2 cups raisins
- ½ cup chopped candied cherries
- ½ cup chopped candied pineapple
- 2 cups chopped walnuts

Cream together butter and sugar. Add eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition. Sift together flour, baking powder, salt, cinnamon, nutmeg and cloves. Add alternately to creamed mixture with ReaLemon. Beat well. Stir in sour cream. Add fruits and nuts; mix thoroughly. Place 1¾ x 1-inch paper liners into tiny muffin pans. Fill with cake batter, using a rounded tablespoon per cup. (The cakes will rise very little). Bake in a moderate over (350°) 25 minutes or until done.

Let cakes stand a few hours. Then brush with lemony glaze: To make glaze, add 1 tablespoon ReaLemon to ¼ cup light corn syrup; bring to boil. *Makes 8 dozen cakes.*

NOTE: These cakes should be served soon after they are baked. Do not store them longer than two to three weeks.

Ama and Health For The Poor

The American Medical Association comes to grips with health problems of the poor at a clinical convention beginning in Denver on Sunday (Nov. 30).

Medicredit is the new word for the American Medical Association's approach to the health problems of the poor. For more than two decades the AMA has been receding from its original across - the - board opposition to health insurance programs. Now it espouses prepaid voluntary insurance programs -- with help from the federal government in the form of tax relief.

The Roosevelt administration in 1935 considered a federally operated health insurance program, but it was never proposed to Congress. A health care program for the aged was enacted at last -- 30 years later -- in 1965.

The plan, unofficially known as Medicare, provided for the government to pay part of the costs for the hospital and nursing home care of most persons 65 or older, with costs financed by the Social Security payroll tax. The 1965 act also extended medical assistance to the aged -- designed for the aged not poor enough to qualify for old-age public assistance, but too poor to meet medical bills -- to needy persons under all public assistance programs. The act was amended to broaden coverage in 1967.

The American Medical Association in 1949 and 1950 reported spending almost $3 million in successfully blocking President Truman's compulsory national health insurance proposals. They equated the Truman plans with "socialized medicine."

The Medicare program of 1965 was a different affair. AMA spent $1.155 million on lobbying to defeat the Medicare provisions of that year's Social Security amendments. The campaign was unsuccessful, but the organization did succeed in eliminating payments for specialists as part of the basic Medicare package.

AMA now wants a "medicredit" plan which it explained on Nov. 3 before the House Ways and Means Committee. AMA would have purchases of health insurance credited against an individual's income tax liability on a graduated basis. People on welfare would have their insurance financed proportionately by the federal, state and local governments. The government would reimburse individual taxpayers in the amount their insurance exceeded the tax payment they owed.

The AMA is formidable not only in money resources but in influence. It has 217,212 physician members in 54 affiliated medical societies among the 50 states and four other jurisdictions.

A much smaller organization, the American Public Health Association, is beginning to challenge the AMA. But its leaders say they are not about to enter into a power struggle with the nation's doctors. APHA has only 24,000 members, a bit more than a fifth of whom are physicians.

Two of their leaders on Nov. 3 told a select Senate committee: "While there has been considerable improvement in the quality of life for most Americans, the fact still remains that a large proportion of the 22 million blacks, the 5 million Mexican - Americans, the 500,000 Indians, and millions of others live day in and day out in conditions we would not let our animals endure."

The AMA is moving slightly to the center, on balance. It could be that the challenge posed by the American Public Health Association and other dissident doctors is helping to push AMA in that direction.

Car Topics For Lady Pedal Pushers

BE YOUR BROTHER'S KEEPER

You know Harry Go-Lucky. Probably he is a friend of yours. Maybe he is your brother. There is at least one Harry Go-Lucky in everybody's life.

At Harry's house you have to be careful not to slip on the loose stair tread. Harry keeps forgetting to nail it down. And Harry's car... well, the fact that his turn signals don't work is of minor importance. Harry wouldn't remember to use them anyway.

What you have to do about Harry Go-Lucky is compensate for him. You have to go out of your way doing your part, because Harry never seems to remember to do his. He doesn't mean to be negligent, but nevertheless he is.

Many traffic safety experts feel that people like Harry Go-Lucky present quite a problem on the highways. Highway Harry Go-Luckies are the drivers who stray from their lanes, because they are thinking about other things.

At the last minute, Harry and his kind make left hand turns right in front of you as if you weren't even there. And they do it because they honestly don't see you.

Highway Harry isn't convinceable. You could give him a crash course in traffic safety... fill him to the brim with good driving advice... and it wouldn't sink in. Harry isn't fighting society; he just isn't part of this world.

The safety experts say that the rest of us have to compensate for Harry Go-Lucky by being doubly careful, doubly alert. We have to drive defensively knowing that Harry is likely to do anything at any time, and we have to keep our cars in good condition in case he does.

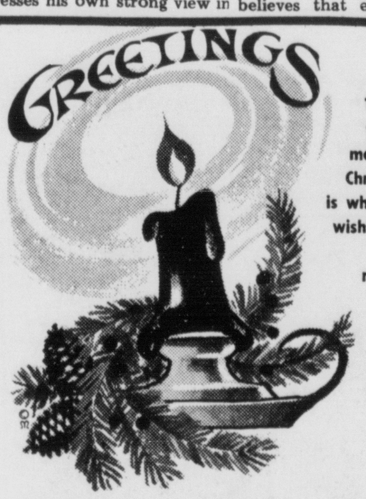
A combination of a car that responds as it should and a driver who is paying attention can save many a Highway Harry Go- Lucky - and you - from disaster.

ELEPHANTS RAMPAGE

SHILLONG, India (AP) — Wild elephants on a rampage in Dekiajul, a small tea town in Darrang district, reportedly ate a major portion of this year's sugar cane crop and badly damaged tea gardens and betelnut trees. The reason for the rampage was not known.

The word nightmare comes from the Teutonic mar, meaning devil.

The marshmallow **plant** was a popular **medicine in** ancient Rome.



To all of you, the merriest of Christmases is what we're wishing. May fondest memories endure. Thanks, most warmly.

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To each and every one of our good friends and patrons, we extend, with sincere appreciation, warm wishes for a most memorable holiday.

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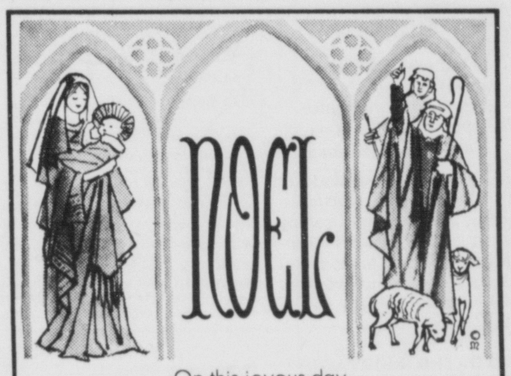

On this joyous day,
we extend to our friends and neighbors,
the wish for peace and happiness.
And add a heartfelt thank you to all.

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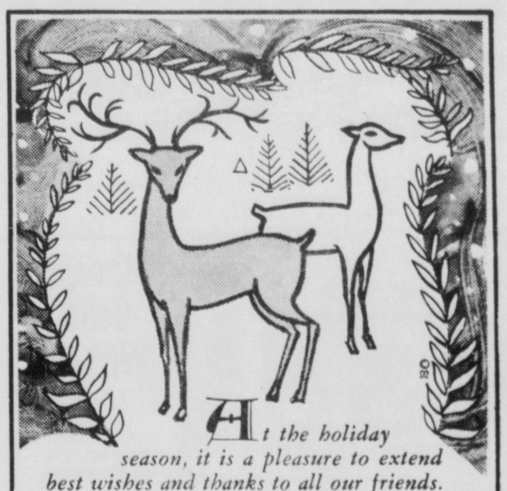

At the holiday season, it is a pleasure to extend best wishes and thanks to all our friends.

YANSON'S JEWELRY
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The exchange of Christmas greetings among friends is one of the happiest traditions of this season. We extend our greetings to all of you . . . along with a heartfelt thanks.

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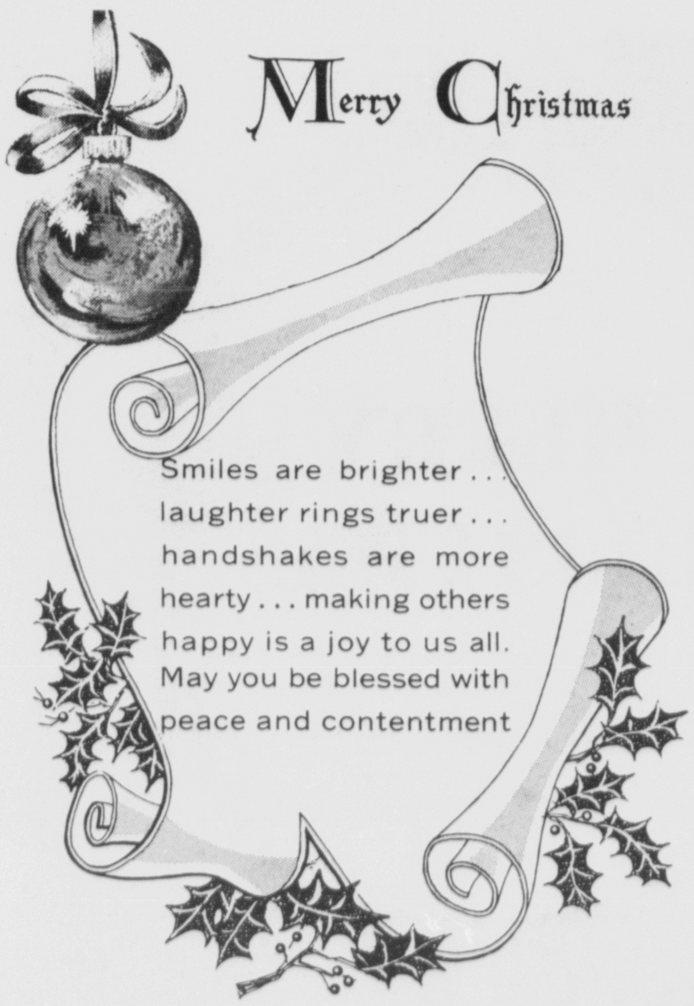

Smiles are brighter . . . laughter rings truer . . . handshakes are more hearty . . . making others happy is a joy to us all. May you be blessed with peace and contentment

Season's Greetings and best wishes

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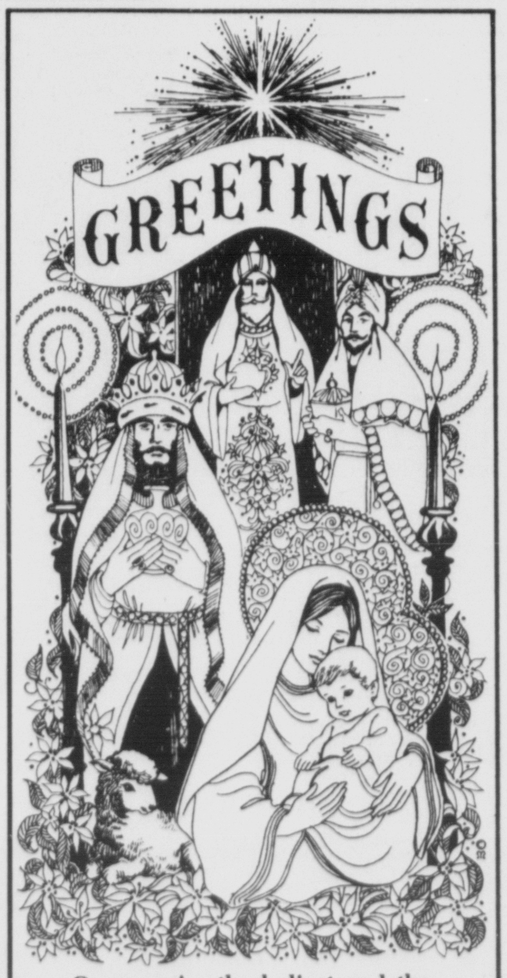

Once again, the holiest and the happiest of all seasons is with us, inspiring all with its message of joy and peace. To you, at Christmas, our fond greetings.

HELEN DELINE'S
216 EAST CENTER
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Christmas Greetings

As the sights and sounds of the holiday season are upon us once again, may we wish all of you a happy and peaceful Christmas. Thank you for your very loyal friendship.

MISSOURI UTILITIES CO.
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"A Citizen Wherever We Serve"

"Do you have a model with a bar car?"

Sincere Good Wishes

We're all aglow with best wishes for your Christmas happiness.

HON'S FAIRWAY

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WISHING YOU AND YOURS THE BEST THIS SEASON HAS TO GIVE. AND TO ALL OUR PATRONS WE EXTEND OUR HEARTIEST GRATITUDE FOR THEIR LOYAL SUPPORT.

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It's a Belle Epoque Christmas

Get set for the wildest, wackiest, yet most elegant Christmas fashion season of all times!

Everybody's busy doing their own style thing, so this holiday party season is certainly the time to express *your* fashion personality.

Newest of the hair style news is the gossamer, romantic Belle Epoque look, epitomized by the hair piled high on top of the head.

Depending on the time of day, dainty little tendrils lazily curl over the forehead and ears.

To duplicate this hair style, brush all the hair on top of the head, gathering the ends together and forming a topknot. To secure safely, spray with self-styling Adorn hair spray. Adorn's new Touch Top directs the spray wherever you want it. Just aim the open side of the top where you wish to spray, then lightly press the other side.

To form those oh-so-romantic wispy locks, use the end of a styling comb to pull out strands of hair. Curl them around a finger, spray lightly with Adorn and place where desired.

For daytime wear, use a minimum of "stray" wisps, adding more for evening.

And lest you forget, it's still the year of the curl. And for holiday parties, the more curls the merrier.

Form hair into big, soft curls with a styling brush (or use rollers), then spray with either regular or extra hold Adorn to keep them in shape. Pile them on top of the head or wear them over each ear for a little girl look.

To add to the festive mood, use lots and lots of ribbons and bows, tucking them into curls, or tying them around a Belle Epoque topknot.

Also use sprigs of fresh holly or glittery pins to call attention to extra pretty hair styles.

Cranberry Fillets for Holiday Dining

Holiday meals need not be elaborate . . . or expensive . . . to add cheer to family dining. Any homemaker who dares to be different can delight her family with this entree even on her busiest shopping day.

Part of the charm of Cranberry Fillets is the simplicity of preparation. In half an hour the succulent cod fillets, covered with bright berries are ready to serve. The cost—a slender 37¢ per serving—is welcome at a time of year when bank balances diminish under the one-two punch of gifts and guests.

CRANBERRY FILLETS

2 pounds Booth frozen cod fillets
¼ cup butter or margarine, melted
2 tablespoons lemon juice
1 teaspoon grated onion
1 teaspoon salt
⅛ teaspoon liquid hot pepper sauce
Dash pepper
Chopped parsley
1 can (1 pound) whole cranberry sauce

Thaw frozen fillets and cut into serving-size portions. Place in a well-greased baking dish, 12 x 7½ x 2 inches. Combine butter, lemon juice, onion and seasonings; pour over fish. Bake in a moderate oven, 350°F., for 25 to 30 minutes or until fish flakes easily when tested with a fork. Sprinkle with parsley and serve with cranberry sauce. Serves 6. Approximate cost per serving 37¢.

NO WATER SHORTAGES FOR SUBURBANITES WITH WELLS!

In these days of water shortages and pollution problems, some lucky families have nothing to worry about. They have complete control over their water supply because they get their water from a modern well.

Not all these families live on farms either. Many life in the suburbs and rural nonfarm areas "beyond city water mains." Their source of supply is more properly called a private water system than simply a well because it's patterened after the municipal supply and consists of the well, electric pump, automatic controls and a storage tank.

Besides getting all the water they want when they want it, these families find that the water tastes better. Underground water is "free" too, the Plumbing - Heating - Cooling Information Bureau points out. Once the system is installed, all the expense involved is the pennies a day it takes to run the pump. Well water costs about 40 percent less to deliver (cost of well, pump and electricity) than treated surface water, and you're protected against periodic increases in water bills.

If you're thinking of moving to a suburban or rural non-farm area, this winter will be a good time to read up on the advantages of a private water system. An excellent booklet is available for 25 cents from Dept. P, Ground Water Resources Institute, 221 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, Ill. 60601. Ask for "How Water Wells Can Help You Solve Your Water Problems – Easily and Economically!"

DO IT YOURSELF

In the Newspaper before us is a picture of some substantial brick houses in New York. They are said to be abandoned tenements. While the windows are broken, there is no reason to believe that the soundness of the structures have been seriously impaired.

The people of our country used to build houses for themselves, log houses, sod houses, frame houses, brick houses and cement block houses. Many of them still do.

We wonder why families needing homes cannot approach the owners of these vacant properties offering to repair them and put them in good condition in return for a three or five-year lease on terms that would reward them for their rehabilitation efforts.

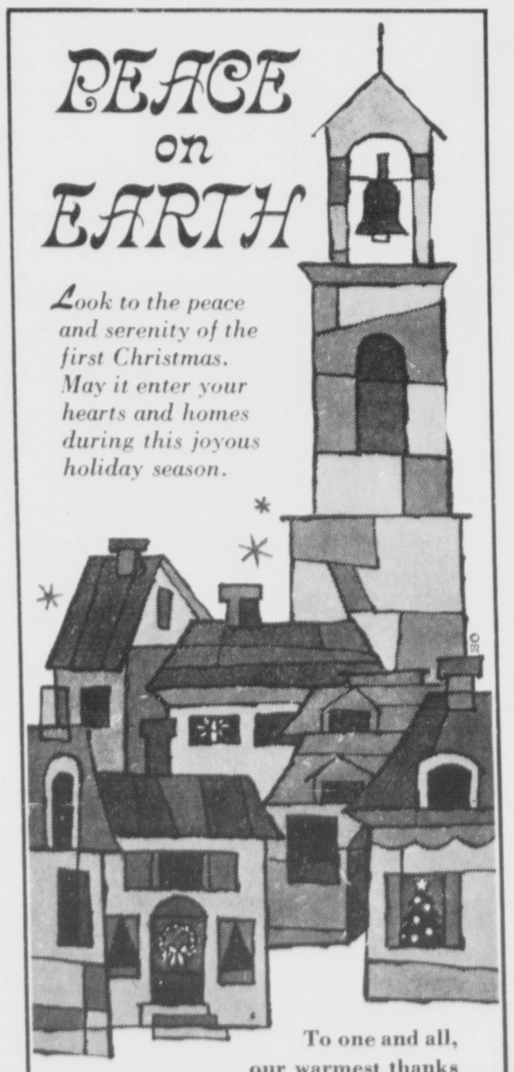
We believe there are many families who would find a way to buy enough paint, plaster and simple tools to do the job. In some cases the landlords might help them.

We are fast approaching the day when people can be no longer sit down and wait for others to provide for them. We must find a way to mobilize the powerful factor of self-help. People will work hard if it will enable them to improve their living conditions.

The practice of taxing the people and paying excessively high wages to construction workers to build houses for those who are unwilling to exert themselves in their own behalf, must and will come to an end. We need more self-help projects. One good place to begin would be these houses which can be made habitable by the application of sufficient elbow grease, along with paint, plaster, paper, some new floor boards, repairs to plumbing, window glass, and possibly some new roofing.

There is too much coddling in the world today. The revolution of rising expectations, so called, has specialized on expecting handouts, housing, medical care and education from others.

IT'S COLORFUL, to say the least. Joan Martin's dress is made of paint color cards featuring 720 shades in the PPG collection.



Look to the peace and serenity of the first Christmas. May it enter your hearts and homes during this joyous holiday season.

To one and all, our warmest thanks for your kind support.

Chief Arthur Bruce and the Sikeston Police Dept.

TIPS & TRICKS for TEENS

Maxi-mize your wardrobe this season, with at least one maxi-coat. They've really made it big; and there's no denying the extra warmth on blustery days. What to wear underneath? Proportion is all important. Play it to the maximum by contrasting the long coat with a micro-mini skirt.

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The red coats are coming to to give your nails a bright holiday glow! A new shade from Avon is a true, no-foolin' "Red Coat" nail enamel. Wear it alone or under "Tinsel Topping"—an overlay with flecks of pure glitter in either copper or silver. This is one of the prettiest new ways to have all the glow of the gala season in hand.

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Put it on ice, if a messy desk or dresser drawer is your problem. Plastic ice cube trays are just right for everything-in-its-place efficiency. The individual compartments are perfect for paper clips, rubber bands and staples; or buttons, needles and pins; or any of the small but precious etcetera that seem to defy organizing. Decorate the trays to suit your fancy.

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Go on record for finding a groovy way for you and your friends to update your record collections and fund a pet group project or charity at the same time. Pool your overplayed platters and hold a second-hand record sale. All or part of the proceeds go to a worthy cause — and everyone will acquire some new-to-you LP's at a fraction of the original price. The word from teens who have tried it: It's a money-maker and lots of fun, too!

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Chained to the notion that belts are for the waist? Start a chain reaction! Link up to a fashion fact—circle a chain in the crown of a floppy hat; wear it as a double-strand necklace; attach it to a tiny purse to make a swinging shoulder strap.

Very Best Wishes

Hope your Christmas is as sparkling and bright as the jewels on this tree. We extend the very best wishes of the season, along with our thanks.

HALE'S JEWELRY

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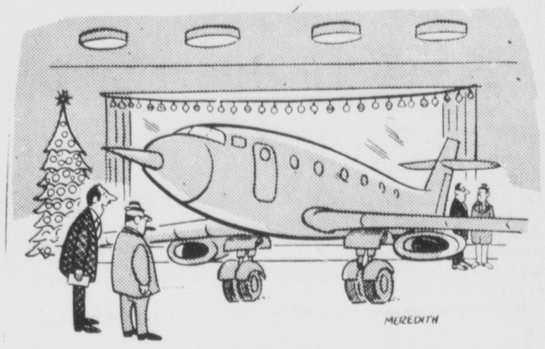
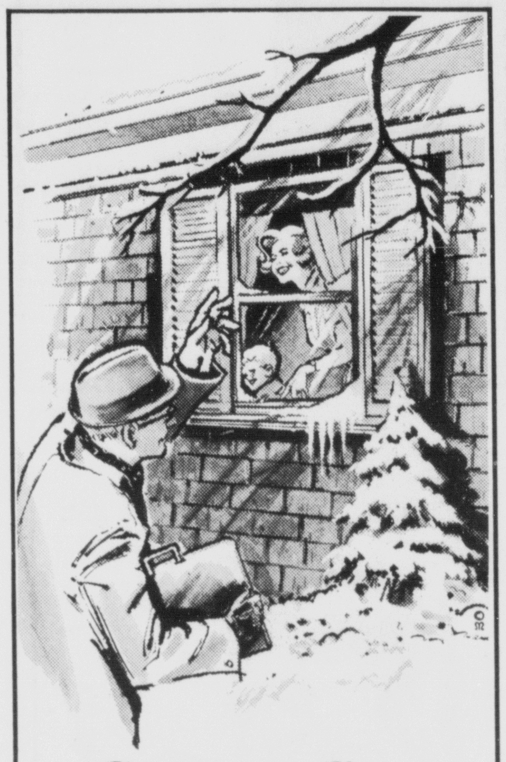


"Yes, it'll make a dandy Christmas gift, Mr. Philbanks. Now how about a nice hangar to go with it?"



Christmas Greetings

The contentment and security of home and family is particularly valued at Christmas. May the season find you snug and happy, and may we thank you for letting us serve you.

Joe R. Nunnelee, C.L.U.

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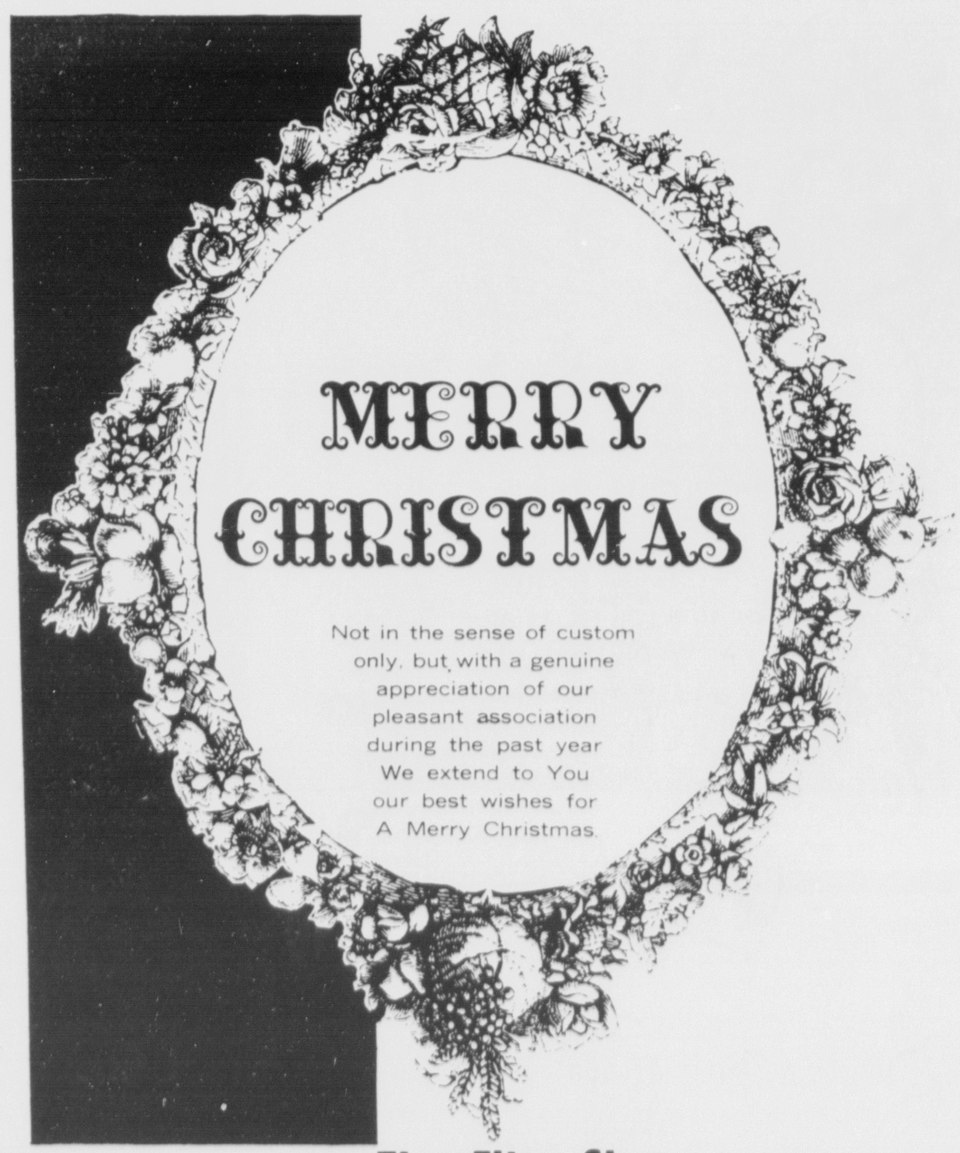

Not in the sense of custom only, but with a genuine appreciation of our pleasant association during the past year We extend to You our best wishes for A Merry Christmas.

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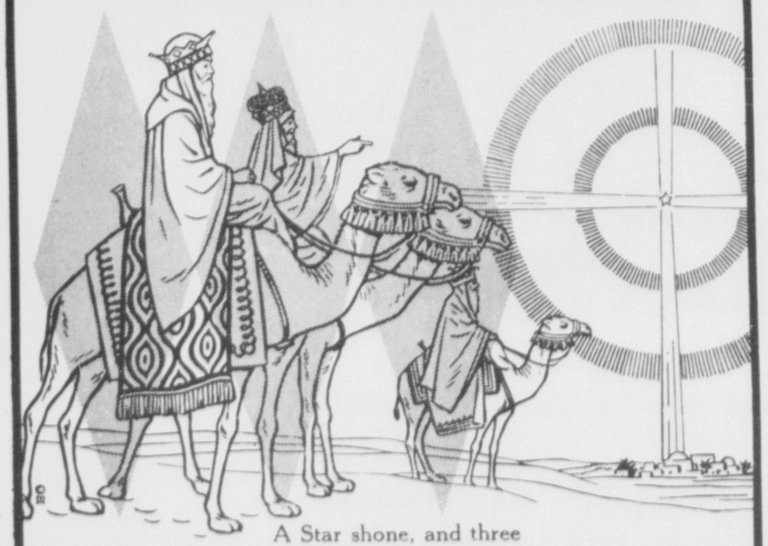
PEACE on EARTH



A Star shone, and three Wise Men sought a sacred Manger in the little town of Bethlehem, where the Christ Child was born. This Christmas, let the light of His message shine into all our lives, spreading "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men."

To our Valued Friends and Patrons, "Thank You."

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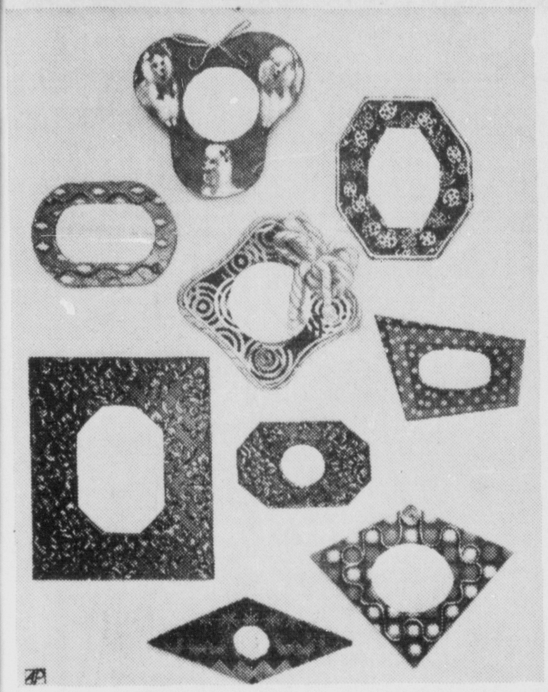


Mirror, mirror on the wall . . . These do-it-yourself mirrors make fine Christmas gifts. Use carboard, gift wrap, spray lacquer. Designed by Norcross.

A Christmas Past In The Hills

It Was a Community as Well as Family Observance Before a Cedar Tree

Jewell Kirby Fitzhugh
in The Ozarks Mountaineer

For weeks we young ones, the five of us who were old enough to know about Christmas, had looked forward to going to "the tree" on Christmas Eve, at the Chapel, the one- room church in our neighborhood. And now, at last, the time had arrived. The night was clear and crisp and studded with stars, as it must have been on that night so long ago when the shepherds found the place where the Christ Child lay.

The faithful mares were hitched to the wagon, into the back of which Papa had put armloads of sweet- smelling hay from the barn loft. Over the hay Mama had spread the heavy, wool "sample top" quilt. With another quilt for cover this made a snug riding place for five shivering but happily expectant youngsters. Mama and Papa rode in the spring seat, with Mama holding our baby brother, wrapped so he didn't even smell the cold.

On arriving at the church house, we saw the wagons, hacks, and buggies of those who had come earlier than we. The horses were hitched to trees on the church grounds. Some young men had come on horseback. A few swains, reluctant to go inside for a while, had built a small fire, at which they warmed their hands and feet. One of them daringly shot a firecracker, the loud pop frightening a nearby horse. Soon, however, these young men went inside.

A fire roared in the bulging stove in the center of the crowded rectangular room. Rows of homemade benches were on either side. Kerosene wall lamps, with shiny reflectors, gave a fair amount of light. People who had warmed cold hands and feet were moving away from the stove to give late comers an opportunity to warm before the "exercises" began.

Papa took some presents, hidden from view by brown paper wrappings, to the front, where some young ladies took charge of them. Though we tried hard to see, we couldn't tell just when our presents were unwrapped and placed on the tree.

In that day, some fifty- odd years ago, time and money were not spent on fancy gift wrappings. In fact, presents were expected to be unwrapped before they were placed on the tree so that everyone could see them. The covers of doll boxes were removed and the boxes fastened to the tree in such a way that the contents were in view of every little girl, who wondered throughout the evening which doll would be hers. Tops, tin horns, pocket knives, bags of vari- hued marbles some wind-up toys, two or three climbing monkeys, and here and there a jac-in- the box, dangled from the branches of the tree. Neckties, scarves, aprons, and handkerchiefs for the grown- ups added to the "dressing" of the Christmas tree.

The tree itself, a pungent-smelling cedar, cut a day or so earlier by men and boys of the community, dragged inside, and made fast to the floor, was so large that the topmost branch touched the ceiling. Young women appointed to "dress" the tree had gathered in the early afternoon to festoon the cedar with glittering tinsel, saved carefully from one Christmas to the next, and strings of popcorn and red berries. Tinfoil- covered sweetgun balls took the place of the fragile ornaments of today. Dozens of small, brightly colored candles in metal holders were clipped to the branches. When lighted, the tree was the most beautiful sight our childish imaginations could conceive. It was a thousand wonders that it did not catch on fire and cause a major disaster. The candles, however, were carefully placed, and some of the men sat nearby to keep ever watchful eyes upon them.

The program was not in the nature of a strictly religious service, but rather a mixture of the secular and the sacred. As I look back upon those days, I don't believe there was an intentional irreverence in the type of program presented. It was simply a community get-together - a time of gaiety, joy and good will. There was an opening prayer and then the usual Christmas "pieces," or recitations of poems by the children, sometimes clear and loud, often in rollicking sing-song, again in shy, frightened tones. Perhaps there was a funny dialogue, and then a serious "reading" or two, by older girls or young women. Since the tree took up so much space, the make- shift stage was rather small. Even so, sometimes a scene from the Nativity was presented, with the singing of Christmas carols to the accompaniment of the old-fashioned, foot- pedaled organ.

Last came pillow- stuffed Santa Claus, wearing his five-year old, home- made red cambric costume with cotton trimming and cap to match. The long- bearded "face" with rosy cheeks was store- bought. Santa carried a pack filled with oranges and small, red- and white striped paper pokes of candy for all the children present. His jolly, not-too- well - disguised "Ho, ho, ho!," set some of the young ones screeching with delight, while a few of the more timid ones shrank behind their mothers' shoulders. Soon, however, their fears were removed.

The sweets having been distributed, the young ladies acting as Santa's helpers removed each present from the tree, handing it to Santa Claus, who held it up for the crowd to see, then called the name of the person for whom it was intended. Sometimes the practical joker of the community put on funny presents. I don't remember that there were any cruel or ugly joke- presents- just comical things, like the corn- cob doll given the young lady teacher with the name of her suitor upon it. Blushes on the faces of some of the girls gave evidence that presents had come from their beaus, or "fellows." Since not to have one's name called at a Christmas tree made a person feel left out, relatives and friends usually saw to it that everyone's name was called.

One of the blessings of Christmas today is remembering the joys of Christmases past, when, though presents may have been few and inexpensive, there was much happiness in the sharing and togetherness of family, friends, and neighbors.

Why don't we confound mother nature, as she confounds us, and plant weeds instead of flowers?

Gourmet Corner
Prepare Beef Argentine Way

By TOM HOGE
Associated Press Writer

On the southeast coast of Latin America lies a vast expanse of rich soil known as the Argentine Pampas. Here sleek cattle graze on luxuriant grass, and beef is the undisputed king of the kitchen.

Steak is the staple diet in this land below the equator, and many Argentines consume it in one form or another three times a day.

Argentina has three main styles of cooking: Spanish from the days of the Conquistadores, classic French found in the more expensive hotels and restaurants of Buenos Aires and, most interesting, criolla or campfire cooking which dates back to pioneering times. It is here that the Indian influence which pervades nearly all Latin American cookery is most noticeable.

Incidentally, the widely-held belief that Latin American cuisine was founded on spices so hot that they strangle the uninitiated, is largely legend, apparently spread by travelers whose experience was limited largely to the volcanic offerings of Mexico. The dishes of Argentina and other countries of Latin America, while amply seasoned, are generally no hotter than those of North America.

One sign of the Indian influence in Argentina is the widespread use of squash and pumpkin. Unlike U.S. citizens who use squash as an occasional dinner side dish or pie filling, the Argentines cook this rich, yellow vegetable in many ways, including squash soup, squash fritters and baked squash pudding.

Another Indian specialty popular in Argentina is Humitas, a baked corn casserole flavored with chopped onions, peppers, tomatoes, salt, sugar, paprika, milk and bread crumbs.

But Argentina's true love is beef, a deep devotion handed down from the gauchos, part-Indian nomads who lived off wild cattle roaming the Pampas in the 19th century.

Evolutionist Charles Darwin visited Argentina and Uruguay in the 1830s and recalled a meal he shared with a gaucho band.

Darwin wrote in his "Voyage of the Beagle", that the supper consisted of two huge piles, one of roast beef, the other of boiled, with some pieces of pumpkin. Besides this latter, there was no vegetable, not even a morsel of bread.

The Argentines have specialized in beef cookery for so long, that they know many ingenious ways of fixing it. A classic is the meat roll called Matambre, or "Kill Hunger." This it does, with its rich filling of egg, vegetables, bacon and seasonings.

MATAMBRE

The Covering:
2 two-pound steaks
1 cup red wine vinegar
1 teaspoon garlic powder, or fresh chopped garlic
1 teaspoon dried thyme
The Stuffing:
1 pound fresh or frozen spinach
6 scraped whole carrots, about 6 inches long
4 hardboiled eggs, quartered lengthwise
2 or 3 medium onions, cut into thin rings
4 medium fresh mushrooms, sauteed in butter and sliced
1/4 cup freshly chopped parsley
1 teaspoon crumbled pequin chile peppers, or similar type
1 tablespoon salt
1 teaspoon ground pepper
3 cups canned beef stock, or fresh stock
12 ounces red wine
Bacon, (optional) 4 slices

Ask your butcher to slit the steaks horizontally from one long side to within 1/2 inch of other side.

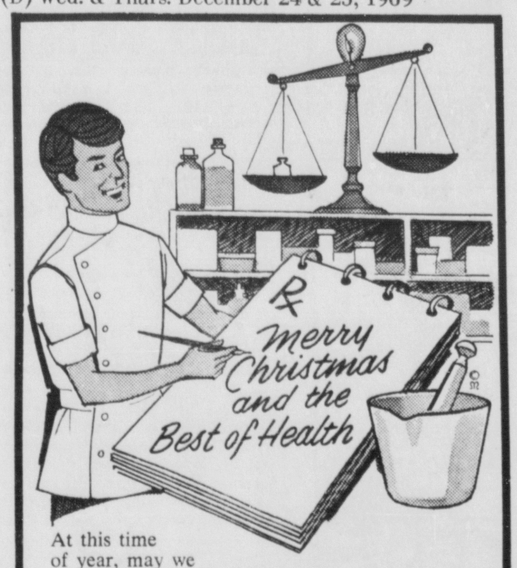
Place steaks in glass baking pan, cover with the wine vinegar and sprinkle with the garlic and thyme. Let marinate for six hours at room temperature.

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Lay the steaks cut side up, and spread over with carefully washed spinach leaves. On top of spinach leaves, place carrots about three inches apart. Place eggs between rows of carrots. Scatter mushrooms, onion slices and bacon (if desired). Atop this sprinkle parsley, chile peppers, salt and ground pepper.

Roll the steaks into two cylinders and tie with kitchen cord. Place in a 12 quart casserole and pour in beef stock and wine. Add enough cold water to bring liquid a third of the way up the rolls. Cover and place in oven for one hour.

When done, remove strings with sharp knife and cut rolled meat into 1/2 inch slices.

Leftover, Matambre is good chilled and served as an appetizer.



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prescribe all that's good as we
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At Christmas, more than any other occasion, we need to reverently pause, gratefully acknowledging the countless blessings that have been ours —

Among these we find one that is always treasured—your friendship. We are truly grateful and trust that we may continue to merit these associations for many years to come.

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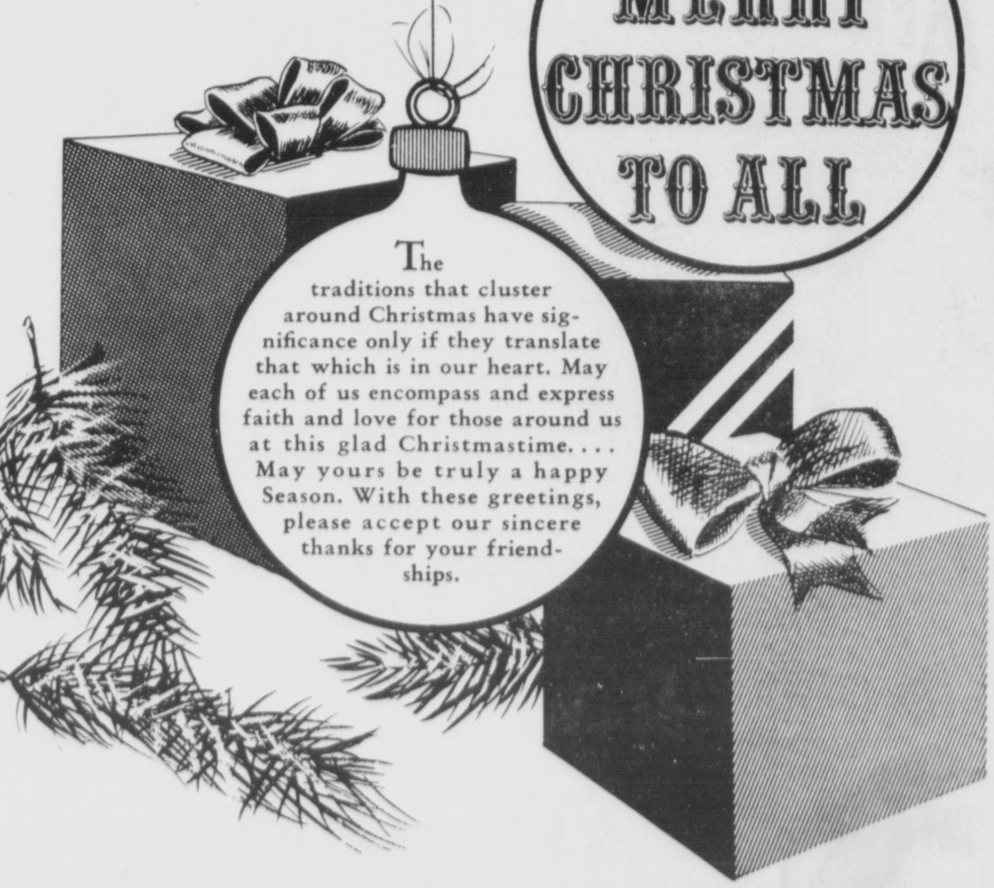

The traditions that cluster around Christmas have significance only if they translate that which is in our heart. May each of us encompass and express faith and love for those around us at this glad Christmastime. . . . May yours be truly a happy Season. With these greetings, please accept our sincere thanks for your friendships.

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As Santa Might Sign It

If you ask what Santa Claus is really like, most people will tell you he's jolly, generous, and loves children - as described by Clement Moore in his "A Visit From St. Nicholas" and later portrayed by Thomas Nast in Harper's Weekly. But if you happen to ask a handwriting analyst about Santa's characteristics, he might well say he doesn't know, since he's never seen the old boy's handwriting.

Because no one has an authentic sample of Santa's writing, several staff members of the International Graphoanalysis society's offices in Chicago attempted to produce a greeting and signature that would portray Santa, since it would incorporate the handwriting strokes which would indicate the personality traits of the Santa most of us are familiar with today.

Building a signature to show specific personality traits is sort of Graphoanalysis in reverse, says V. Peter Ferrara, president of the world- wide handwriting analysis group. "For several handwriting experts to produce writing samples that would be similar in appearance wouldn't be difficult," says Ferrara, "especially if the experts knew in advance the personality traits that were to be illustrated." However, the organization president pointed out that it would be impossible for even two or three such signatures to be exactly alike since the personality traits of the writers themselves would peek through somewhere.

In the greetings from Santa accompanying this article, the three graphoanalysts all put a slight flourish at the start of the capital, M, a graphoanalytical indication of humor. Generosity is shown by long endings on letter strokes and wide spaces between the letter combinations. The "to the right slant" of the upstrokes of the letters would indicate an outgoing nature, and the heaviness of the writing is to indicate Santa's liking for good food and strong colors.

The graphoanalysts agreed that Santa probably would have a lot of organizational ability and manual dexterity, too, since he makes all the toys needed each Christmas. Therefore they carefully balanced the upper and lower parts of the letter "f", which, according to graphoanalytical technique, indicates organizational ability. The flat looking tops on the letter "r" appear in the greeting because this is the way most people who like to work with their hands form these letters.

Santa must be a man who pays attention to details, since he must remember what each child asks for, and so you'll see "i" dots carefully placed. The intuition and imagination Santa must have in order to substitute gifts when what is asked for is impractical is shown by frequent "breaks" between letters in a word (for intuition) and the big loops in the letters "l" and "h," and in the lower loops in the "y" are signposts of imaginative people.

While the three Santa signatures were composed to incorporate the trait indications described above, careful analyses of the writings would reveal three entirely different personalities, despite the attempted disguise.

For example, the first writer would have Santa be dignified (note retraced "t" stem) and a bit self- conscious since he unconsciously made the final hump on the letter "M" higher than the others. The second writer's Santa would also be self-conscious but would be more optimistic than the other Santas as would be noted by Graphoanalysts from the "up hill" writing. The third Santa would be quite sensitive to the opinions of others, as noted by the loops in the "t" stems, but would be the jolliest of all.

Tin Cans Ring In Christmas

By AP NEWSFEATURES

Tired of those same old Christmas decorations? There's a simple solution: do-it yourself.

All you really need are empty cans, and who doesn't have plenty of these on hand?

According to Lady's Circle magazine, cans can become bells, candle-holders, decorations for your Christmas table, and probably a dozen other things if you give the matter a little thought.

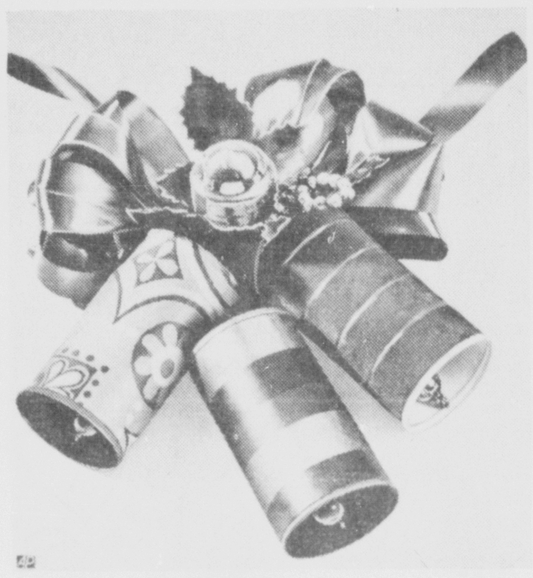
To perform these miracles, wash and dry the cans thoroughly, and then spray-paint them or cover them with colorful Christmas paper.

To make the bells, string the cans on wire, with clapper added inside, and add other decorative touches— holly sprigs, ribbon and miniature Christmastree balls—to make them even brighter. The table decoration are made from cans opened at both ends, washed, dried and spray painted, and topped off with three-inch Christmas tree balls which rest on the tops of the cans.

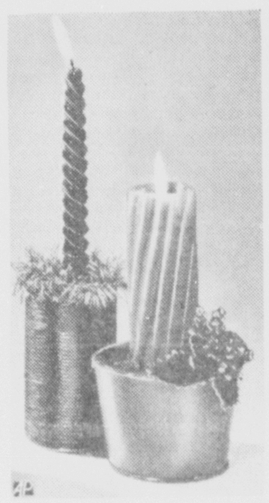
Easy-to-make candles owe their existence to cans stacked together and taped; you can use five or six, depending on the height you prefer. Cover with red or green paper and top off each with a Christmas tree light to simulate a candle flame.

Decorative candle-holders can be made from any size can, painted or covered as you prefer, with any added decorations you have around the house. When using small candles, you can punch holes in a can in an interesting design through which the light will shine.

EASY-TO-MAKE-CANDLE Just stack five or six empty tin cans together, tape over, and you have a home-made glow for Christmas.



DECORATE FOR CHRISTMAS . . . Empty tin cans are the major ingredient for these table decorations. Just wash, dry, and spray paint them for a glistening Yule.



DECORATIVE CANDLE HOLDERS . . . You can make these holiday candle holders in a jiffy, using empty tin cans.

Young Moderns

Make Your Own Christmas Gifts

By VIVIAN BROWN
AP Newsfeatures Writer

There is still time to make little Christmas stocking stuffers and other glamor gifts with which to charm your friends.

For the boys on your list, you might knit a ski band, tie or scarf. Use fat yarn and needles to speed the project. If you are an experienced knitter try your hand at making gloves, but it is a bit late to try to learn to turn the heels of socks.

A great personalized gift can be made by embroidering a name or initials on ready-made handkerchiefs. It is painstaking, but not difficult. Write the name or initials in the corner of the handkerchief and do an overcast stitch with ordinary cotton or silk thread.

Girl friends should appreciate a gift of a wall mirror. These may be made using cardboard, gift wrap, mirrors, glue, packaging tape and gift paper. At a display of their gift wraps, the Norcross design staff showed a number of mirrors — all different shapes and sizes. But you can use the basic instructions to make any shape mirror — star, sunburst, four-leaf clover.

The mirrors exhibited were about 7 inches long and wide.

You cut three cardboards into identical shapes. Two of these have cut-outs for the mirror. The second cardboard is the one the mirror fits into, the top cardboard is the one that is cut to shape — round, heart, square, and so on. The third cardboard fits over the back.

Cover the front section with gift wrap, allowing one-inch on all sides for overlapping. Tape the mirror securely in place on the second cardboard. Glue the three pieces together.

Cover the entire back piece (the solid one) with matching paper. Glue the one-inch flaps that are left on the sides of the top cardboard to the back of mirror, mitering the corners.

The mirrors may be decorated in a number of ways. You can use luster Christmas cord to make the little designs. The designers of the mirrors suggest s-shape or bow designs. A nice idea would be to spell out the girl's name on the mirror, using the Christmas cord or ordinary cord.

Cover the mirror with tape or paper and spray over the paper, front and back.

CREATIVE WRITING

The best creative writing is contained in the bits and scraps sent to Santa Claus. It will not win literary award, but it contains the ultimate in excitement, drama and the poetry of the soul.

To the writer, Santa Claus is not a red-frocked myth. He is as real and as vital as love, hunger, tears and passion fulfilled.

CUBA AS SEEN BY A CUBAN

Gilberto Tony Saavedra, 30 years old, is a former member of Castro's 26th of July movement in Havana. As soon as Castro openly announced his acceptance of Communism, Saavedra opposed him, joining an anti-Castro organization in which he was the head of the "Action and Sabotage" section. Due to Castro's persecution, he came to the U. S. where he joined Alpha 66, an anti-Castro group, which has broad based support in the Island. Now this group is organizing an ambitious plan directed to the creation of several guerrilla fronts in the Island.

Tony Saavedra is now the representative of Alpha 66 in California. His task is to obtain the resources needed to supply the "Freedom Fighters" with weapons and ammunition. But as all the responsible members of this organization, Saavedra has volunteered to go to Cuba to join the guerrillas as soon as the leaders of Alpha 66 consider his presence to be necessary.

Meanwhile, Tony Saavedra has provided us the following exclusive information.

The deterioration of Cuba's economic situation has reached a peak. All of Castro's economic goals have failed. All food has been rationed, including bread and sugar. Discontent among the people has been growing steadily in the past few months. Hundreds of escapees have broken through Castro's "Berlin Wall" in the Caribbean. Most of the escapees are young Cubans.

Castro has failed not only in his economic plan, but in the task of indoctrinating the youth.

Due to this situation Cuba is ripe for revolution. Previously one thing was obstructing the plans to overthrow Castro. It was the idea that prevailed for so long among the Cuban exiles, that the U. S. government was going to help them in their struggle against Communism. "Finally we realized that only through our own efforts Cuba will be liberated", says Saavedra. "Thus we are engaged in the sacred task of creating the internal conditions in the Island that will lead to a popular uprising."

The members and friends of Alpha 66 have confidence that after the opening of several guerrilla fronts on the Island there will come a chain reaction that will end in a popular uprising which will overthrow the Communist regime.

Just like the songs say, may we wish all a very merry holiday and extend our heartfelt thanks.

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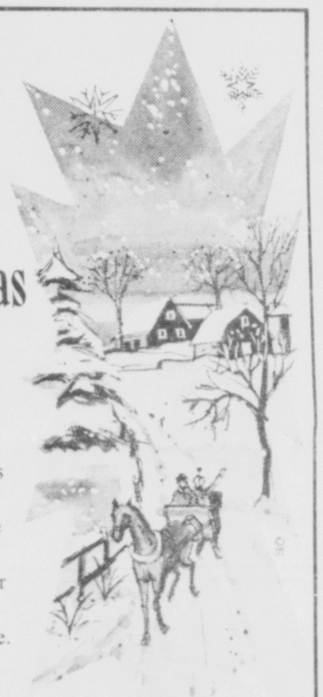
A Very Merry Christmas to All!



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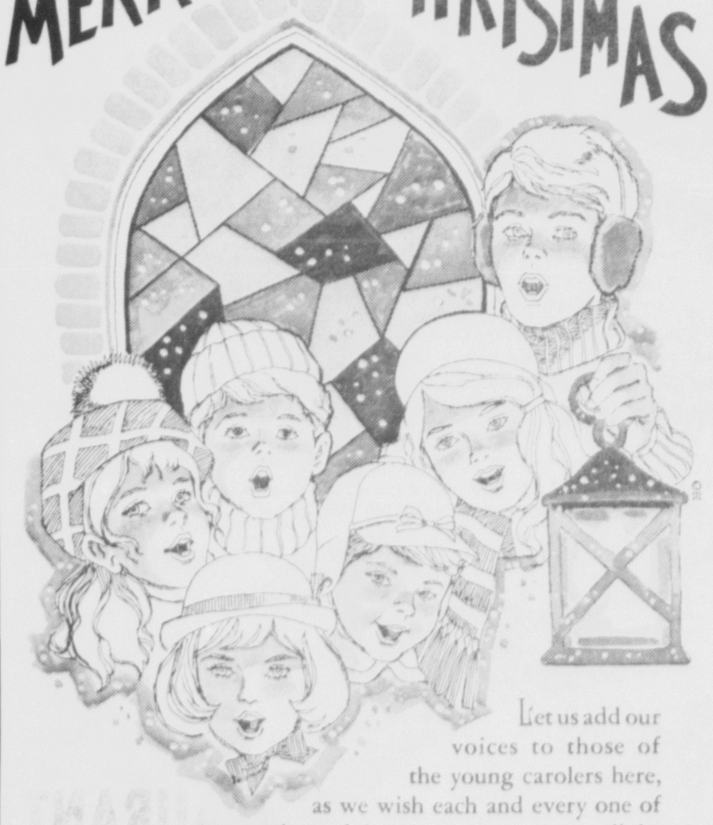

Let us add our voices to those of the young carolers here, as we wish each and every one of you the very best of the Christmas season — all the merriment it holds. And may we extend grateful thanks.

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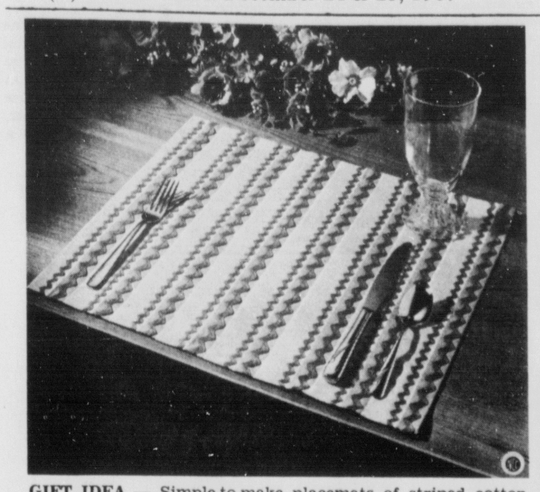

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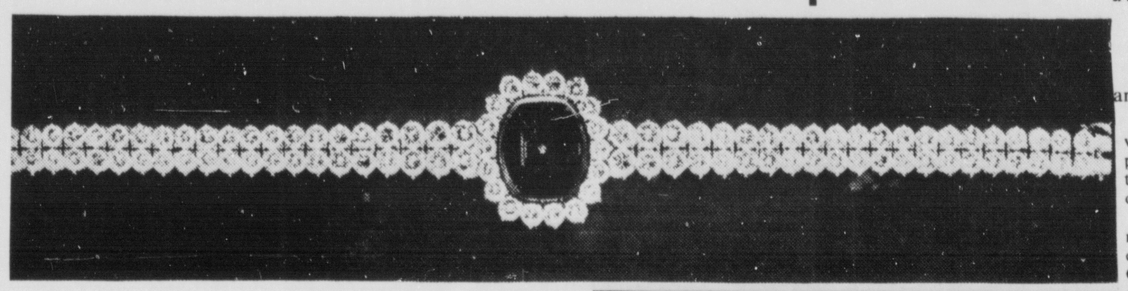
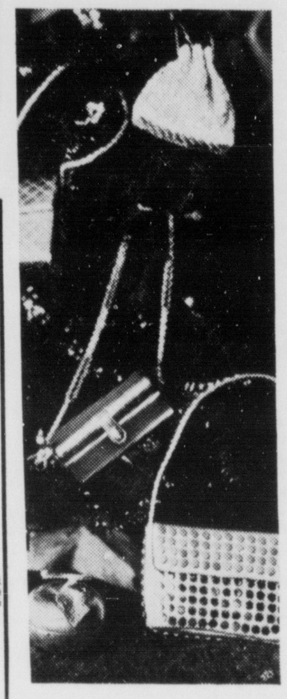
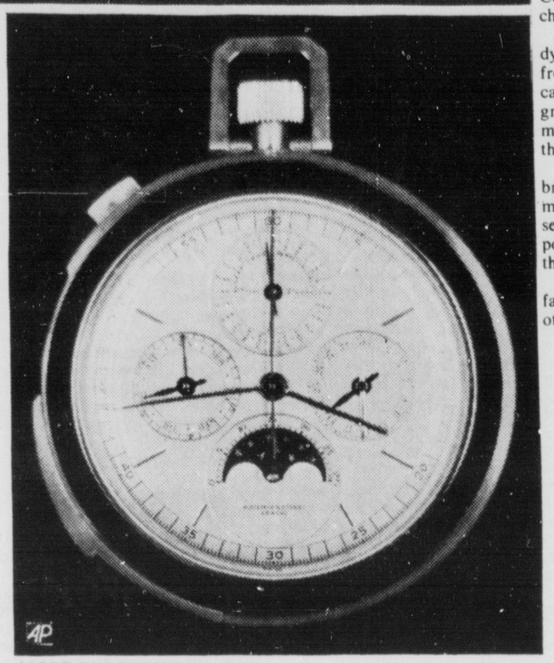




DAZZLE HER FOR CHRISTMAS . . . See her eyes shine when she discovers this watch by Audemars Piguet. The 104 round diamonds, weighing 18.13 carats, platinum setting and lapis lazuli dial add up to a $30,000 price tag.

SANTA'S BAG . . . Bags are Santa's bag, according to the National Handbag Association. Luxurious little evening bags or ample shoulder totes, whichever style you choose, look for bright metallics to make the holiday season sparkle.

If you take your girl dancing, look for evening bags that swing on delicate shoulder chains so she won't have to abandon her purse when she gets up to waltz. Other evening purses do double duty as jewelry boxes, like the silver apple minaudier, front and left in the picture.



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Merryland: A Haven For Children and Adults

By LISETTE BALOUNY
Associated Press Writer

CAIRO (AP) — Merryland is the land of contented children and happy parents.

It is a large sunny garden in the Cairo suburb of Heliopolis, where white ducks in small ponds paddle to a little island, home to three soft-eyed deer who look out on the world through a fence.

Merryland is also home to a mini-elephant, a gift to Egyptian children from the government of Ceylon, and home to some mischievous, grimacing monkeys.

Sitting around tables under shady green trees, or looking out from the fashionable two-story casino in the center of the garden, grownups relax and sip refreshments, while keeping an eye on their little ones.

For sailor-footed children, bright colored small paddling and motor boats are available for a seaman's ride around the larger pond, which partially surrounds the two-story casino.

Other children prefer to fly on fast swaying swings, while still others watch and imitate the restless little monkeys that run and jump about. Others gather around the three-month old elephant, teasing it into playfulness, and beckoning their parents to join the fun.

Merryland is roughly 50 acres — most of it flower beds and sandy zigzagging alleys.

Once it belonged to Baron Enpain, a Belgian multimillionaire who founded and owned most of the important settlements in Heliopolis. Along with other Belgian property, Enpain's land was nationalized in 1960, after Egypt severed diplomatic relations with Belgium. Relations have since been restored, but Baron Enpain's property has not been returned.

The first baseball game between organized teams took place June 19, 1846, in Hoboken, N.J.

ELECT TRI-CAPTAINS

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) — North Carolina, seeking its fourth straight Atlantic Coast Conference title, has three basketball captains this season.

They are seniors Charlie Scott of New York City, Eddie Fogler of Flushing, N.Y., and Jim Delany of South Orange, N.J.

They have played for the Tar Heels the last two seasons during which time North Carolina won 55 games and lost only nine.

Her Work Is Child's Play

By LOUISE COOK
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Jerri Jorgensen has the kind of job a child would love.

Her workday is filled with dolls, puzzles, miniature cars, building blocks and a host of other toys.

Mrs. Jorgensen, an attractive redhead with two daughters, is a toy consultant for a major toy manufacturer. "I'm an all-around person who gets involved in every aspect of a toy," she explained.

Developing toys is anything but child's play, however, she said. "Depending on the complexity, it can take from two to five years to develop a single toy."

The company's 1970 line — to be introduced next March — has been ready for three months, and its 400-member research and design department already is busy with plans for 1971 and 1972.

Each toy, said Mrs. Jorgensen, is tested on children in its early stages. The children, "are introduced to the toy and left alone. We monitor them with microphones. If something is difficult to operate, we note that, for example," she explains.

One of the most important features incorporated in a toy, said Mrs. Jorgensen, is the sound. She said her company (Mattel) wanted to simulate the sound of a car starting up, but found American cars were just too quiet. "We had to use a tractor instead."

One of the most popular toys, of course, is the doll, in all its variations. Among the company's newest offerings is a ballerina doll, originally suggested by children testing a walking doll.

"First we came up with an engineering mechanism," said Mrs. Jorgensen. "Then we had to decide the size of the doll. After the sculptors completed work on the face, the hair stylists were given the problem of designing a hair style."

She noted the ballerina is available only with blonde hair and said 80 per cent of the dolls sold are blondes.

Action toys also are popular with most children, Mrs. Jorgensen said, particularly those that reflect real life and allow the child to engage in "adult imitation."

The company has had an astronaut doll for two years, Mrs. Jorgensen said, and has added a variety of other space equipment, including an elaborate space structure. "I spent an hour putting that together yesterday," she said, pointing to a picture of one of the toys.

Mrs. Jorgensen said she sometimes brings toys home for her 7-year-old to test, but said her children are "no more spoiled than other American kids."

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BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — Dean Cuthbert Irvine Peacocke of Belfast has been elected to succeed Dr. C.J. Tyndall as Church of Ireland (Episcopalian) Bishop of Derry and Raphoe The Dean, who is 66, is a son of the Rt. Rev. Joseph Peacocke, who was Bishop of Derry and Raphoe from 1916 to 1945. He is a graduate of Trinity College, Dublin, and long served as clerical secretary of the General Synod of the Church of Ireland.

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Customs of Swedish Christmas Live On

Hildur Ek
In the Kansas City Times

Immigrants from Sweden during the big influx in the late 19th and early 20th century brought with them many traditions from the old country that live on today, especially Christmas traditions.

Christmas eve was the big event of the year. It was the time of large family gatherings for the traditional Christmas eve dinner and the giving of gifts.

Trips to Stores

In the past there were several stores in Kansas City specializing in all kinds of Scandinavian food. Today there is but one. As a child I found it exciting to ride the street car across town to one of the specialty stores and help bring home the traditional lutfisk (stockfish), lingon berries, ham, various cheeses and sausages, and the ingredients for pickled herring, head cheese, jellied veal and a supply of casings for the potatis korv (potato sausage). Julgrot (Christmas porridge made of rice) was usually served as a dessert.

Perhaps the most important item in a Swedish Christmas dinner is the lutfisk that has been dried and shipped in bundles resembling sticks of wood. The fish have to be sawed into pieces and soaked in water for a few days, then placed in a bath of slaked lime, water and soda, then soaked again in fresh water. After all this is done a remarkable change comes about and there are the thick, white pieces of fish. Today lutfisk is also sold prepared, ready to be cooked.

The cooking time for the fish is short and a rich white sauce is usually served over it. Most old-timers add a generous sprinkling of black pepper. Some folks prefer melted butter, and still others like a mustard sauce.

Many churches used to have lutfisk dinners and in later years nearly as many non-Scandinavians as Scandinavians bought tickets to them. Today the price of lutfisk has almost made the dinners prohibitive.

In olden days, without modern conveniences, cleaning and baking took a great deal of time. There were white and rye breads, delicious coffee breads, skorper (rusks) and a generous amount of cookies such as spritz and pepparkakor (ginger snaps).

All Join in Dunking

Following tradition, we had "dopp i grytan" (dunking in the pot) at noon on Christmas eve. According to custom the housewife was supposed to be too busy cooking and getting ready for the big evening meal to stop and fix lunch, so everyone was invited to take a plate, fork and a piece of bread and help themselves by dipping into the "pot liquor" of the ham and sausage that had been prepared. It was an exciting, happy time, especially if there were visiting relatives and friends around.

When we flew to Sweden at Christmastime a few years ago I had hoped to partake in "dopp i grytan" in the "authentic" manner. Our hosts prepared for it, but later I found out the custom had been discontinued with them. Instead of the huge fireplace and large, black cauldron with the steaming meat I had expected to find, we dipped into a shiny aluminum pan placed on a festive table in a very modern kitchen. So much for tradition!

The Swedish housewives of long ago used to set out a special dish of porridge (for the Jul (Christmas brownie or elf) to insure his friendship for the coming year. Today all that remains of this legend is the colorful Christmas decorations featuring him. The Danes used this same elf motif on their Bing & Grondal Christmas plates in 1959. The cat is often pictured as a companion of the Jul Tomte, as the Swedes call him, or Jule Nisse as the Danes and Norwegians say.

A tradition that has lived on in Sweden and here, is the use of the Julbock (Christmas goat). Some think it is a carryover from Thor's goat of Norse mythology. The Julbock appears in the form of straw, wood, ceramics and on Christmas cards, pull- outs and posters. Sometimes the Jul Tomte is shown with the goat delivering gifts. To us here in America, it seems strange choice of animals when there are thousands of reindeer in Swedish Lapland.

Before the advent of Christianity, the Norsemen celebrated the midwinter solstice with feasts and games. Later these received Christian interpretations. Some authorities credit kissing under the mistletoe to Frigg, Norse goddess of love and the berries to tears she shed at the death of her son Balder, god of light, peace, virtue and wisdom who was killed by a mistletoe dart.

Father constructed a 7-branched candelabra similar to one in his boyhood home in Sweden. Year after year this was redecorated with fluted red crepe or tissue paper. It was placed in the center of the long dining room table and its tall white candles lent a festive air to the array of special Christmas food. The gas lights in the ceiling above were extinguished for further effect.

Our large, carefully chosen Christmas tree was decorated the day before Christmas eve with popcorn garlands, red apples, cookies cut into various designs, tinsel, angels, shiny ornaments and live candles in various colors. It was put in the parlor or front room and the doors closed. On Christmas eve, after the hearty dinner, the tree was lighted and the portiers and sliding doors were pushed aside. The whole room breathed "Merry Christmas" as we entered.

Old Swedish calendars show December 13 as Lucia day; the night before was thought to be the longest in the year. In 1753 the calendar was changed, but people continued to celebrate Lussimassan (December 13) as the day the sun and light returned.

The original Lucia was an early Christian martyr in Syracuse, Sicily, sentenced to be burned at the stake, The flames did not touch her, but she was slain by the sword. It is somewhat of a mystery how the legend of St. Lucia reached into the far- off Northland and became so deeply embedded in their traditions that she is now the forerunner of Christmas.

The Lucia celebration along the lines we know it today was first celebrated in the southwestern provinces on Sweden. There a young maiden appeared with lighted candles on her head and served coffee and Lussikatter (Lucia buns) as she went about awakening the sleeping household. This celebration has spread all over Sweden and elsewhere in the world as well. Today schools, churches, institutions and industries have their own Lucia. At the national contest finals in Stockholm the year's Lucia is crowned "Queen of Light."

Our church celebrated Julotta (Christmas matins) early on Christmas morning when it was still dark. During the walk to church, many times in deep snow, it seemed the stars were twice as bright as usual. Candles shone from the church windows. Inside was one huge or sometimes two medium- sized well- lighted Christmas trees and banks of red poinsettias and wreaths. The early hour and scene inside inspired reverence.

The traditional opening song was always "Var Halsad Skona Morgonstund" (All Hail to Thee, O Blessed Morn). For many years the service was in Swedish. Later there was a short service in Swedish after the English service. Finally only English was used. The members of the church by this time represented many different national origins and the old- timers were fast disappearing. Almost all of these churches have now converted to the midnight Christmas service and another cherished tradition is in danger of passing away.

There are yet today Scandinavian organizations and homes that are keeping alive many of the Christmas traditions. One still may find the special Scandinavian foods, decorations, St. Lucia, songs and legends. And here and there is the flavor of how it was "in the early days."

HOLIDAY WELCOME . . . Outdoor decorations need not be elaborate to be effective. This cheerful doorway reflects the spirit of the season. Making your own decorations, if you have the time, adds to your own holiday enjoyment.

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CHRISTMAS IS LOVE

Christmas is a universal holiday. Christmas is a great reality. Around this reality, men of good will have added much tradition and, perhaps, a fair amount of legend. Yet the reality of Christmas remains unchanged. Some nineteen hundred and sixty-nine years later, the story of the First Christmas, the clear vision of the Holy Birth at Bethlehem keeps constant the spirit of abiding love.

Many inspiring words have been written about the proper keeping of Christmas. The spirit of love permeates these famous words of Henry Van Dyke:

"It is a good thing to observe Christmas Day. The mere marking of times and seasons, when men agree to stop work and make merry together is a wise and wholesome custom. It helps one to feel the supremacy of the common life over the individual life.

"Are you willing to stoop down and consider the needs and desires of little children; to remember the weakness and loneliness of people who are growing old; to stop asking how much your friends love you and ask yourself whether you love them enough; to bear in mind the things that other people have to bear on their hearts; to make a grave for your ugly thoughts and a garden for your kindly feelings, with the gate open — are you willing to do these things even for a day? Then you can keep Christmas.

"Are you willing to believe that love is the strongest thing in the world — stronger than hate, stronger than evil, stronger than death — and that the blessed life which began in Bethlehem some 1900 years ago is the image and brightness of the Eternal Love? Then you can keep Christmas. And if you keep it for a day, why not always?"

We leave you with these thoughts and our very best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Women's Health

By LOUISE CHASE
Women's Medical News Service

CHEVY CHASE, Md. - Why should any outsider participate in a child's sex education?

The answer lies in the inevitable nature of parent - adolescent relations, says Dr. E. James Lieberman, chief of the Center for Studies of Child and Family Mental Health of the National Institute of Mental Health: Teenagers cannot bear to admit that their parents are sexual creatures.

Even relaxed parents who conscientiously answer questions about sex, Dr. Lieberman notes, will eventually be brought up short by a teenager's need for "a hazy but all-important zone of privacy or non-involvement" and by the parent's onw need for appropriate modesty. "Some questions cannot be comfortably asked by the child or answered by the parent," the physician points out. "Nudity, seductiveness and details of the parents' sex life are not good sex education for children."

PARENTS STILL IMPORTANT

This unavoidable limitation on parent - teenager communication does not gainsay the fact that parents remain their children's most important sex educators. But, during adolescence, "much needed information and counsel" can usually only come from respected outsiders - whether a teacher, a physician, a minister, a family friend, an aunt or uncle.

Writing in the Journal of the American Medical Association, Dr. Lieberman suggests that doctors can be especially effective if they are prepared to truly level with young people. This means a willingness to hear out any question without condemnation or embarrassment, enough delicacy to avoid probing into uncomfortable regions, the honesty to avoid the scare technique.

Specifically, the physician counsels against regarding sex education only as a deterrent weapon to premarital intercourse.

MORE THAN A DETERRENT

Although good sex education might act as a deterrent by curbing impulsive actions, Dr. Lieberman believes that adults must admit that "from the standpoint of interpersonal relations, one cannot say that premarital sex is inevitably destructive."

Parents and sex educators make a mistake, he believes, if they confuse a youngster's first sexual experience with promiscuity and if they presume that the sexually experienced adolescent is beyond reach.

Emphasizing that sexual experience, like smoking and drinking, is only symbolically adult, Dr. Lieberman says that non-virgins still need advice and limits from adults - for example, information from teachers about reliable contraception rather than repeated, heavy - handed warnings about veneral disease and unwed pregnancy.

VOLTAGE, NOT FACTS

"Young people are subject to a tremendous amount of sexual stimulation, but not much helpful information. Even when parents do a good job, children will get information from other sources, and it is part of our responsibility to see that some of this is of good quality."

To clinch his point about the inconstancies of parental prestige, Dr. Lieberman quotes the hoary joke about the son who, returning home after college, exclaims to his father, "Gee, Dad, you sure learned a lot in the last four years!"

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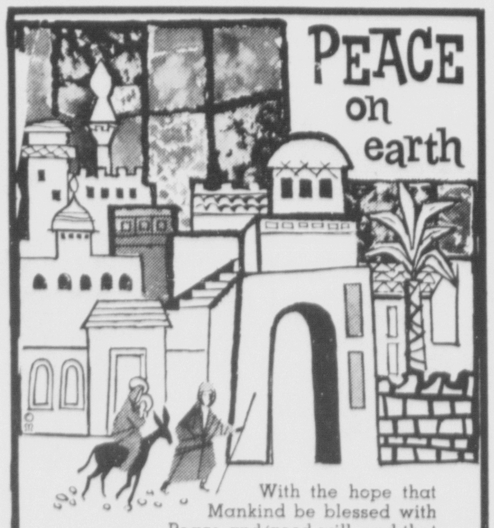

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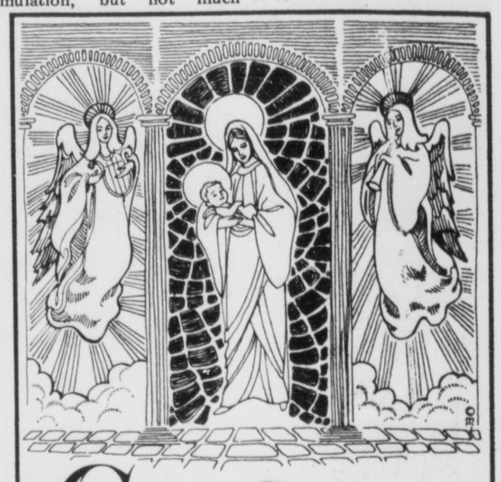

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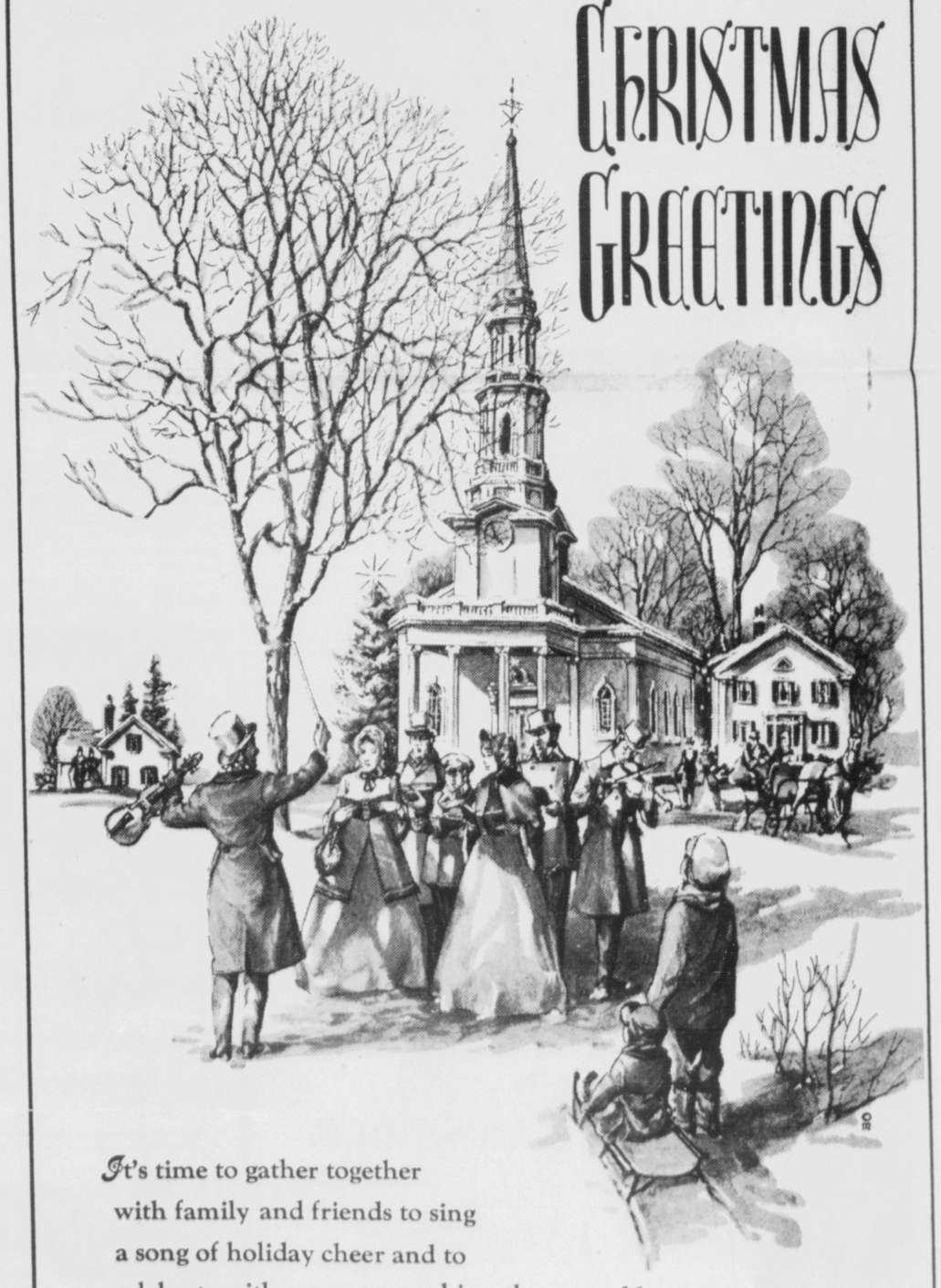

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Missouri Yule Tree Farmers Include Teacher and Legislator

JEFFERSON CITY (AP) — Perhaps a quarter million Missouri families will decorate scotch pines for their Christmas trees—scotch pines that really aren't scotch but European or Asian instead.

With no pun intended, the production of Christmas trees is a growing business in Missouri and still it meets only about a quarter of the demand in this state alone. Practically no Missouri grown trees are exported beyond the state lines, the folks in the business report.

Funny thing, though, few Christmas tree farmers are farmers in the usual sense. Instead, they come from all sorts of vocations.

Oscar Urquhart of Harrisonville, Mo., is a retired Navy officer. G. Myron Gwinner of Hermann, Mo., once was director of marketing and research for the St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Martin Degenhardt of Perryville is a long-time state represenative and is also busy with his brothers in a wood products firm. Young Bob Estes of Jefferson City is a high school art teacher.

Gwinner has some 200,000 trees in various stages of growth, plus perhaps a quarter million seedlings that he transplants to his own acres or sells to other Christmas tree producers. He operates only at wholesale and his wife recently reported they have to put up chains on their roadway to bar would be retail buyers from coming in.

Urquhart, on the other hand, operates at both retail and wholesale. He make a big play for the retail customer with his "Christmas Tree Lake," where the whole family can stop off, choose a tree and even borrow a saw to cut it down with.

John Wylie, assistant state forester with the Conservation Department, says anyone with the determination to do his chores at just the right time can grow Christmas trees profitably. The income compares favorably with a good corn crop, he says, and even an acre plot would be worthwhile.

Most Christmas tree farms, however, run from 20 acres up and are usually operated on a four or five block system of rotation. The first block will be harvested one year while the others are in varying stages of growth.

Degenhardt, a charter member of the Missouri Christmas Tee Producers Association and now its president, describes his operation:

Along with harvesting this year's crop, he decides how many seedlings he will need for replanting next spring. He may place the order with the George O. White nursery, operated by the Conservation Department of Licking, Mo.—the biggest Missouri supplier — or with some nursery such as Gwinner's.

In March or April, as soon as the soil has thawed, he will plant the seedlings. The best operation, the growers say, is to plant from 1,200 to 1,500 seedlings to the acre, because that provides room for work lanes through each plot.

At almost the same time, before the dormant plants begin to wake up under warmth from the spring sun, the soil around the plants must be treated with a herbicide to keep weed and grass growth down for the first two years. After that, mowing will handle the competition from the grasses between the now well established trees.

All through the warm months growers must be vigilant against the onslaught of insects.

In the next to last growing season before harvesting, the plants must be trimmed and shaped and in the last summer the ones to be marketed must be marked with a tag of some sort.

In September of the sale year the grower goes through the plot spray dyeing the trees to be sold. Pines, as well as other evergeens, tend to yellow during winter months, a reaction to sun and wind, foresters say. So, to assure verdant trees they are dyed.

Harvest begins about Thanksgiving and it's going hot and heavy before December is well along.

Trees in a particular plot may not be cleaned out until two or three seasons have passed because some trees progress more slowly than others. Culls are stripped of branches and Christmas wreaths are made up from the branches. Even the pine ones are worked into the wreaths and other Christmas decorations.

Degenhardt had just about decided to ease out of the Christmas tree business, he said, but "we got to talking the other night.

"We got to thinking what it would be like around here without the trees and so I'm getting ready to order a new batch of seedlings for next spring."

Guide for Bike Buying

By AP Newsfeatures

If you're planning to get your child a new bicycle for Christmas, the results of a research project conducted by the National Safety Council may interest you. The study which analyzed some 4,000 accident questionnaires received from students and parents revealed:

The relative safety of a bicycle is not determined by its style.

The size of the bicycle in relation to the size of the child is an important safety factor: "the child riding a bike too large for him gets involved in more accidents."

Nighttime accidents, while fewer in number, are usually more severe.

More boys are involved in motor vehicle accidents than girls.

Of 4,000 accident reports studied, only 33 mentioned a defective component as contributing to the accident, and of these, 20 were the result of improper maintenance.

What this means to the prospective Christmas buyer, say bicycle experts.

Lightweight, middleweight, racing or touring bike or the very popular high rise bike all have the same degree of safety. Design has nothing to do with it.

Bikes should be bought to fit, not to grow into. Buying a bike too large is false and dangerous economy.

Parents should make sure that all their cycling children know and observe the rules of the road. This is particularly true of boys, who may have paper routes that keep them out on bikes in evening hours.

All bikes, even new ones, need regular maintenance to keep them in good, safe operating condition.

Parents should make sure the youngster knows how to operate the various kinds of optional equipment available for the bike —stick shift, and so on. He should be able to bring it to a smooth stop whether he has caliper brakes, hand brakes or a combination of the two.

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Accidents Mar Holiday Cheer

HOME GROWN DECORATIONS

By AP Newsfeatures

BIRMINGHAM, Mich. (AP) — The holiday season is also the hazardous season but advance planning and strict adherence to safety rules can do much to prevent accidents, says Mrs. Harriet Bishop Howe, home and industrial safety expert.

Only a fifth of the nation's accidents occur in industry, while nearly half take place in the home, she points out. At this time of year Christmas trees and decorations, the flood of toys and gifts and the many visitors and parties present especially dangerous situations.

Mrs. Howe, who regularly preaches safety for the home and family through talks before women's clubs, civic groups and school audiences and is treasurer of Howe Services here, a firm that specializes in industrial safety programs, has been active for 2(years in the field of accident prevention.

"We're trying to teach your husband safety in his plant," she tells women. "We want him to come home and spread the word there."

She advises women to make sure the Christmas tree has been well soaked in water and that the stand in which it is placed also is filled with water. "Make sure that cords, plugs and lights are in good working order," she adds. "Remember, the cord that was good last year has spent 12 months in the closet. It could be dried out and dangerous. Don't overload outlets, and always turn out the tree lights when you leave."

Another holiday hazard, she cautions, is that of infection from cuts and scratches stemming from broken tree ornaments, opening gift boxes, putting toys together and from glasses and bottles at party time. The slightest scratch should be attended to.

"Don't let your kitchen become a danger area," says Mrs. Howe. "Too many pots on the stove, with handles sticking out, are potential troublemakers. Wipe up spills before you slip on them. Toys can be dangerous if they have sharp points or if they are inflammable."

She also suggests removing ice from walks and steps and other places where guests come in or out. Her last suggestion, though not new, may do the most to save your life. "Do not let the holiday 'spirits' overcome you," she urges "If you drink, don't drive."

HOLIDAY BEVERAGES

Eggnog is by far the most popular Christmas beverage in the United States, although hot punches are regaining favor. Also popular is spiced tea with cloves, cinnamon and nutmeg added before brewing, then combined with heated fruit juices.

You can prune your own evergreens and use the trimmings for Christmas wreaths and other decorations.

Be careful how you trim. Consider the natural contour of the tree and shrubs. Many branches may be removed without noticeable effect. Among evergreens that may be pruned before Christmas, experts advise, are yew, arborvitae, laurel, rhododendron, euonymus, magnolia, azalea, ivy or abelia. From the branches you can fashion centerpieces, wreathes, mantel or door decorations.

To give leaves of broadleaf evergreens a lustre, wipe them with glycerine diluted with water. You may silver or gold some or spray them with artificial snow.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

As joy and laughter fill the air during the Christmas season, we wish to take a moment to add our best wishes and thanks.

MAPLE OIL CO.

Velvety snow falls on the countryside. Carolers, young and young at heart, sing out the spirit of the holiday. This is the season to be jolly, and the time to express our gratitude and appreciation to our friends for their support.

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BRIDGER PLUMBING

LEE'S AUTO SALES

HOLIDAY COASTERS

Coasters in gay holiday design make a delightful surprise gift. You can make them yourself by rubber cementing red or green felt to foam rubber sheeting 1/4 of an inch thick. Cut in circles with an ordinary scissors or pinking shears and top each coaster with a Merry Christmas seal.

In Hong Kong, there is a Santa Claus, but the name is different. Everything else is much the same, however, as "San Tan You Lin" is found in many department stores, specially costumed for the season, and quick to hold a youngster on his knee and listen to a list of Christmas gift requests.

JEWISH 'CHRISTMAS'

The Jewish "Christmas", called Hannukah, is a gift-giving season which commemorates the rebuilding of the temple in Jerusalem. One of the most beautiful of Jewish festivals, Hannukah does not occur on a fixed date each year, but eight nights are used for gift-giving.

Witty Approach to Homemaking Spells Success for Humorist

By ARLEEN ABRAHAMS
AP Newsfeatures Writer

Asking most women to admit they're not tops in the homemaking department is like asking them to admit they've had a face-lift. They may tell their very best friends, but few women are likely to come right out and make a public statement to the effect that their cooking and cleaning leave much to be desired.

Peg Bracken did; witness the titles of her best-sellers: "The I Hate to Cook Book," "The I Hate to Housekeep Book," "I Try to Behave Myself: Peg Bracken's Etiquette Book" and "Peg Bracken's Appendix to The I Hate to Cook Book." Furthermore, she feels that admitting what many other women would have loved to admit but couldn't about such previously reverently treated topics as cooking is responsible for her success as a humorist.

"Humor is almost always serious. What makes the situation funny is that it's so true," says the attractive middle-age wife, mother and homemaker-writer.

"For example," explains Miss Bracken, "given a half hour's notice that company is coming, is the average woman going to be able to turn out one of those deluxe dishes displayed in the ladies' magazines — setups that take three women three days to prepare and photograph? No, so why not do what I do? Open a can of corn beef hash, poach an egg and slice some tomatoes. For dessert, there's always a box of chocolates in the house. This meal is okay with me and with my guests and I suspect it's okay with the home ec ladies, too, but they're not about to admit it."

PEG BRACKEN . . . The author of "The I Hate to Cook Book" credits her success to a simple formula: admitting what other women would like to but can't.

Or take the well-known decorating hangup. "It's an established fact that many women get all jittery because they aren't sure that their taste is first-class, but they're afraid to say so. I admit that my only real talent is wallpapering but I never pick the right paper — a fact I never discover until the project is finished," says Miss Bracken with a smile.

There was no decorating crisis at her home in Bolinas, Calif., where she lives with her husband, painter-illustrator Parker Edwards and Johanna, 13, her daughter by a previous marriage. It was only natural for her to call in a decorator right at the start.

"Otherwise I'd never have decided on anything. I'm too democratic . . . I like everything from French provincial to Early Man," she quips.

The decorator, "who knew me for a long time and knew what I liked," helped ease her mind and left her more time to devote to her writing. One of the results, her latest book, "I Didn't Come Here to Argue," permits her "to sound off on all those topics I wanted to sound off on before but wasn't able to." In it she tackles every subject from sex and the supermarket to the joys of not being young to her opinions on the feminine mystique.

"I don't go along with ideas for complete equalization of the sexes, except in terms of equal pay for equal work," says the Antioch College graduate. "In fact, I wish women would stop rocking the boat. There's hardly any job we can't get today — though we may be paid less than a man would — and we still have the privilege of being treated with courtesy and gallantry. I know my back muscles are not as strong as my husband's and that makes me kind of special. We women never have had it so good."

Does Miss Bracken have any pet peeves in addition to the 108 (from the 108 sins of Buddha) she itemizes in her latest book? "Yes — two," she says with fire in her eyes. "One is spreading the bathroom over the living room. Have you ever had guests in, turned on the television and watched a very detailed commercial for a feminine deodorant. It's downright embarrassing."

Pet peeve No. 2 is being called clever. Although she delights in combining wit with wisdom to ease the housewife's burdens and even though she's especially proud of the fact that a New York clinic is giving away her books to help newly discharged psychiatric patients cope better with everyday chores, clever to her is a "dirty word."

"I don't want people to admire my writing for its double meanings, for its sharp use of words," says the woman who claims she's wanted to be a writer since her childhood days in St. Louis, where her Dad was superintendent of schools. "I want people to laugh aloud when they read me. I used to write a lot of light verse but stopped when I realized that light verse, with the exception of Ogden Nash's, is rarely funny. To me, being funny is very important. I guess I just can't get my tongue out of my cheek."

OUR OWN SPIRIT

Each year as the Christmas season approaches we think back of our own childhood Christmases and remember the innocent, uncomplicated joy we felt and how eagerly we awaited the great day. Now, as adults, we still look forward to Christmas with anticipation but with a deeper feeling as a brief period of peace and serenity — a promise of love and good will that perhaps will someday prevail in a world that is now filled with violence and chaos. It is a joyous season to be shared with family and friends and we celebrate around a beautiful table set with our finest china and silver. The most memorable part of Christmas, however, may well be the part we cannot see or touch, the spirit of love and perpetual hope we all have.

WELCOME!

Is there a warmer way of saying "Merry Christmas" and "Please Come In!" than a front door that's bedecked with greens and trimmings?

A beautiful custom that originated in Austria is the Advent Wreath.

The wreath is made of pine or holly and has four candles in it. One candle is lighted on each of the four Sundays preceding Christmas, while one of the children reads a part of the Christmas Story from the Bible. All four candles are lighted on Christmas Day.

Another custom observed by many Austrian families is the placing of apple twigs in a vase of water on St. Barbar's Day, December 4th. If the twigs blossom by Christmas Eve, good fortune will come to the family, and the more blossoms there are, the greater the luck.

One of the most exciting features of Christmas, which everyone in Spain attends, is called "Parade of the Gigantes".

Immense figures 20 or 30 feet high are made from wood or cardboard representing kings, queens, historical or even a mythological figure. These are carried by men of vigor.

The figures are placed on their shoulders (with the aid of a peephole . . . and a snorkel to breathe through) and jig and whirl and frolic, to the music of fife and drum.

A pair of gypsies usually follows along passing the hat among the parade watchers and collecting pesos with great hilarity. This later goes to their favorite charity.

The Reign Of Peace

Some day, some happy day,
All forms of strife shall cease,
And may it be not far away-
The time when all is peace;
On every sea, on every shore,
The sound of war shall be no more.

Sometime, some happy time,
And may that time be near-
Injustice, cruelty and crime
From earth shall disappear?
For Christ shall come to be our King,
And every tongue with joy shall sing.

That time, that happy time,
Which this whole world shall bless,
Will bring to view a sight sublime-
The reign of righteousness;
For Christ alone shall be our King,
And every tongue His praise shall sing.

His love, His wondrous love,
Shall soften every heart,
As it comes down from heaven above,
While sin shall then depart,
And every tongue with joy shall sing,
When Christ has come to be our King.

Mary Starck

CHRISTMAS CANDY

You will enjoy making, as well as the results, of this candy recipe. It would be well to have a candy thermometer, but the recipe is not difficult.

ALMOND CRUNCH

3 cups of sugar
1 1/2 cups corn syrup
1 tablespoon butter
1 1/2 cups flake coconut
1 teaspoon soda
1 teaspoon salt
1 cup roasted almonds — chopped

Joyous Christmas Wishes

In the happy spirit of the holiday that abounds, we thank our faithful neighbors and friends.

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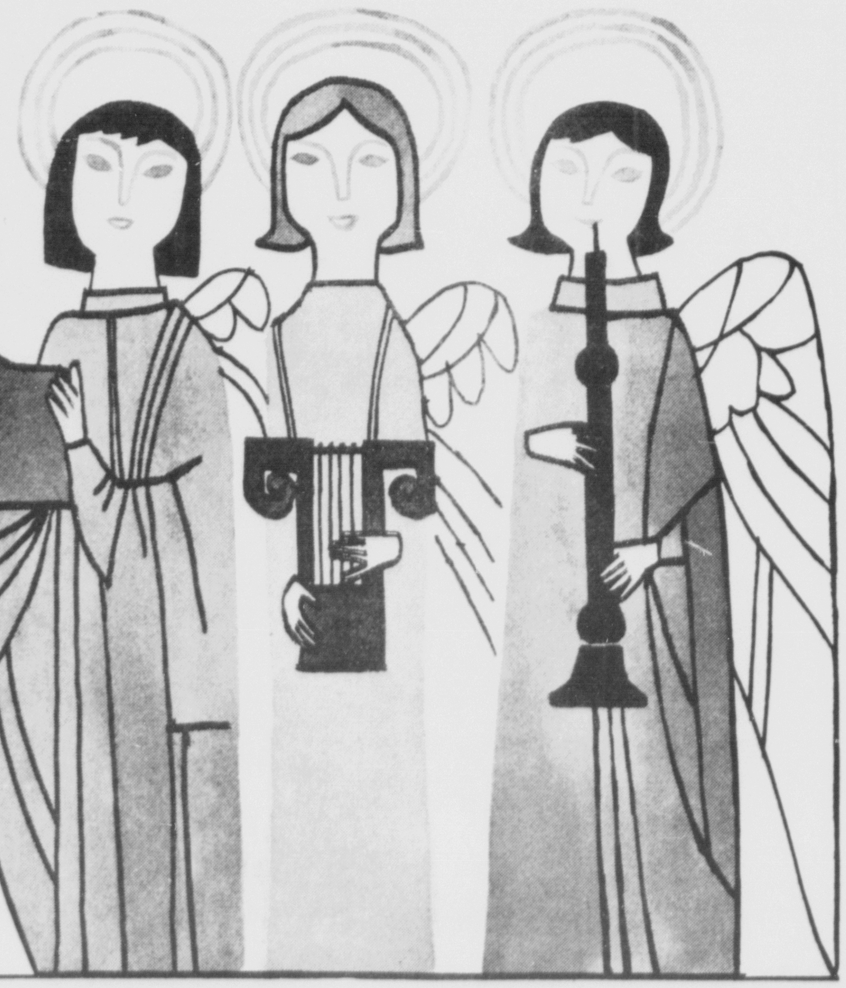

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Christmas Joy

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Allow us this moment, to send our sincere and hearty thanks and best wishes to all our friends and neighbors, whom we have served with pleasure and pride throughout the year. May the best of holidays be yours.

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HOLIDAY SPARKLER. . .This jeweled barrette adds glitter to your holiday mien. But the first essential is sparkling, clean and kempt hair.

Highlight Your Hair This Holiday Season

By AP Newsfeatures

Wrap with beautifully colored paper, a stylish twist of ribbon, shining sequins or a gleaming ornament, and a holiday gift is ready for compliments.

It should be that easy for a girl to turn herself into a pretty package. But December usually finds most women in a holidaze wondering most of all, what to do with their hair? Should they cut it, crimp it, color it, curl it or just cover it.

This season take a few beauty hints from the package under the tree. Combine beautiful color, style and ornaments. And start right at the top because hair sets the whole mood for your holiday image.

Is your hair lifeless? Dull? An average color? What better time than the holidays to try a definite, but not dramatic, change. A shampoo-in hair color is the solution, say Clairol beauty consultants.

Next, select two or three styles to see you through the social scene. If your hair is short to medium in length, try the new "neat" head look — smooth on the crown and curly at the sides. Or part your hair on the side and hold it down with a barrette.

For long-hairs, the Gibson Girl is perfect for evening. This year also marks the return of the elaborate hairdo, which calls for hairpieces to twist and turn for dramatic effects.

Now, your hair is ready to be decorated. What a choice! There are ribbons, bows, braids, tassels, barrettes for day and evening, metallic nets, close-fitting crocheted caps in gold and silver, and ropes of pearls. Jeweled ornaments designed specifically for the hair and clusters of shining lacquered curls top off any hairdo and add desired holiday season dazzle.

The Worst Sickness In American History

By DAVID LAWRENCE

For the last several years, people have wondered about the causes of the unrest and riots in the cities, disturbances in colleges and schools, and the upsurge in crime which now has reached unprecedented proportions. President Nixon, in a message to Congress, has just pinpointed the basic source of much of it - namely, thyabuse of drugs. He described this as a "serious national threat to the personal health and safety of millions of Americans." He added:

"A national awareness of the gravity of the situation is needed; a new urgency and concerted national policy are needed at the federal level to begin to cope with this growing menace to the general welfare of the United States."

In a period of seven years, juvenile arrests involving the use of drugs have risen by almost 800 per cent. Half of those being arrested for the illicit use of narcotics, said the President, are under 21 years of age.

The number of narcotic addicts across the country is estimated to be in the hundreds of thousands, and the President declared that several million college students in this country have at least experimented with various drugs. Mr. Nixon commented:

"It is doubtful that an American parent can send a son or daughter to college today without exposing the young man or woman to drug abuse. Parents must also be concerned about the availability and use of such drugs in our high schools an; junior high schools."

The President emphasized, too, that the narcotics habit constitutes a threat to the community in which addicts live, and is a "primary cause of the enormous increase in street crimes over the last decade." As an individual's desire for drugs increases, he turns to crime in order to get the necessary funds, and in some cases commits two or three burglaries a day.

We hear now and then the argument that some drugs are no worse than alcohol and that many injuries and deaths have been caused by drunken driving, too. But drug addiction is far more likely to lead to crime.

Action is needed not only on the federal level but in the States and cities. This difficult subject must be dealt with in a comprehensive manner if any progress is to be made in overcoming the dangers of the widespread use of narcotics. International co-operation is required to prevent the production and importing of drugs. A lot of personnel will have to be mobilized also to deal with the education of the public on the menace of certain drugs as well as to provide for the rehabilitation of users who require psychological or psychiatrict help to break the habit. Never before has there been such a massive challenge.

The first step, therefore, is to strengthen the laws and secure rigid enforcement. The Department of Justice is about to begin a series of conferences with law- enforcement executives in the various States. Basically, this is a sociological question which has become so closely related to the increase in crime that the problem can no longer be left to solve itself. The aid of government is imperative.

Many parents are worried, and so are the principals and headmasters of public and private schools. Not long ago, the head of a preparatory school sent a letter to the parents of his students denying a published report that 90 per cent of the senior class were using dope. But he ruefully conceded that nearly 10 per cent voluntarily replied to an unsigned questionnaire admitting they were victims of the habit.

Narcotics have been in use for many generations, but primarily by adults. Today drug abuse is occurring more and more among younger people. It is spreading from junior high schools to elementary schools, according to testimony on July 16 before a congressional committee by the director of the National Institute of Mental Health. He cited also a report from one university estimating that 70 per cent of its student body will have used marijuana by the end of this year.

The President of the United States has spoken, and it is important that adults as well as young people be given the facts so that they may realize the dangers involved even in the occasional use of narcotics.

The Chief Executive has submitted to Congress a significant set of legislative proposals dealing with this whole problem. They deserve high priority, and both the Senate and the House should act promptly. No other laws are of greater urgency to so many voters. For, unless the tragic sickness which is today sweeping the country is checked, the consequent loss of life and property could become a national calamity.

U.S. News & World Report

Half the world's supply of fresh water is found in Canada.

Sensing The News

A PHONY SANTA CLAUS

In approving higher personal income tax exemptions and in voting to nearly double minimum Social Security benefits, the U.S. Senate south to present itself as Santa Claus to the taxpayers of the nation. However, it was a poor impersonation of Santa.

Perhaps some citizens thought they were getting genuine Christmas cheer when a majority of the Senate voted to increase the personal income tax exemption from $600 to $800 and to boost the minimum Social Security payment from $55 to $100. Everyone likes a handsome present, but they don't especially enjoy a Christmas package they have to pay for themselves. And that's the situation the taxpayers will find themselves in if the increases are approved by a House- Senate conference committee.

Some time ago President Nixon recommended a 10 per cent hike in Social Security payments which would take note of the impact of inflation on Social Security beneficiaries. But the virtual doubling of payments is a far cry from the 10 per cent favored by the nation's Chief Executive.

No doubt Mr. Nixon would like to be generous at Christmas time. It would be good politics to favor the big handouts voted by the Senate. Fortunately, Mr. Nixon knows that the man in the White House isn't supposed to play Santa Claus with the American people. Like the head of a household, he has to worry about how the bills will be paid after the holiday.

The personal income tax exemption hike was the project of Senator Albert Gore (D-Tenn) who is up for reelection next year. Apparently he has special reason to masquerade as Santa Claus. Seator Gore, however, isn't being generous with his own money. Instead, he is imposing a new burden on the taxpayers. Mr. Nixon has pointed out that the kind of increase favored by Seator Gore would result in a revenue shortfall.

The government can't afford a so- called shortfall. It has to pay its bills. And if tax revenues aren't adequate in the year ahead, taxes will have to be raised later on -- after Senator Gore's election contest, which is convenient for the Senator from Tennessee.

The Social Security increase raises the same issue. If enacted into law, the proposal would cost an estimated $6.2 billion. America's working people already are feeling the oppressive effects of Social Security payments. More and more money is being taken out of weekly paychecks in order to provide Social Security recipients with regular payments. Nowadays a working man may get a raise in pay -- only to discover that higher Social Security costs leave him with less than he was earning before he received a raise. The latest $6.2 billion proposal would extend that unhappy experience to many, many more working people.

Senator John J. Williams (R-Del) has said that the spender majority in the Senate has turned the tax bill into "a Christmas tree." The spenders may be disappointed, however, as the tax- paying public is increasingly sophisticated. Fewer and fewer people these days believe the old liberal propaganda that the federal government dispenses "free" benefits.

Nowadays, the majority of people subscribe to a more realistic view of economics. They know that every handout from government has to be paid for by the taxpayers. In state after state there are taxpayer rebellions. Taxpayer associations are cropping up in many cities and counties as concerned citizens determine something must be done to bar additional tax burdens imposed on them by giveaway- minded politicians. Thus the Albert Gores in politics may find that the giveaway promises of yester- year don't fool a new generation of working Americans.

The "silent majority" In the United States isn't concerned exclusively with foreign affairs. The "silent Americans," or one might call them the "fed up" Americans, also are aroused about the waste of the taxpayers money and about the nonsensical liberal thinking that equates handouts with prosperity.

Millions of working people receive -- along with their paychecks -- itemized statements which show how much of their earnings go for state and federal income tax for Social Security. The promises of politicians aren't persuasive when one can look t the list of deductions and see how bigger federal programs and various government giveaways result in a reduction in take- home pay.

Everyone would like a tax cut, and many people would welcome higher Social Security payments. But they don't want these things if the price means higher taxes in future and a severe cutback in he weekly paycheck. Senator Gore and others who voted for the latest giveaways are likely to discover that people today are fiscally well informed and will welcome a presidential veto of a tax bill that doesn't make sense.

Schooled In Cotton

CHECKMATES—Apple-polishing's in order for the back-to-school set, and checked cotton gingham is equally in order for brother-sister wear. Bright red apple appliques adorn the front of the little boy's button-on suit and the girl's back-belted apron. By Lil Filly Originals, both have contrasting collars of white cotton pique.

Candle Long Part Of German Tree

Germans used to look on their Christmas trees with pride and even a little awe.

They were a beautiful sight. No store bought colored balls, just dozens of candles burning bright and warm.

Not so long ago the Fire Department campaigned against tree candles, and insisted of the danger and fire hazard.

German families have begun to follow the American custom of using colored lights and even packaged decorations. They still grumble about it, but the number of Christmas Eve fires has dropped dramatically, according to Fire Department figures.

ROBIN LEGEND

Robin red-breast, perennial harbinger of spring, has been associated in legend with Christ, and thus with Christmas.

It was told long ago that the bird attempted to ease Christ's suffering on the way to His crucifixion by pulling a thorn from the crown. According to the legend, a drop of blood fell on the robin's chest and remained there forever.

This explains why the robin was a familiar decorative touch to Christmas cards in the late 19th century.

EXCHANGES STUCK

Wetterau Foods, Inc., of St. Louis today (Wednesday, December 10) exchanged shares of stock with stockholders of three corporations operating under the name of Mohr Valu Centers in Rolla and Flat River, Mo., and Litchfield, Ill.

In exchange for an undisclosed number of shares of Wetterau stock, Wetterau acquired all of the stock of Mohr Distributors, Inc., Rolla, Mo., Mohr Distributors of Flat River, Inc., and Mohr Distributors of Litchfield, Inc., formerly known as Gibson Products Company of Litchfield, Inc.

Taking part in the transaction were Oliver G. Wetterau, president of Wetterau Foods, Inc.; Irving Brin, president of Gibson Discount Stores; Norman Kessler, vice-president; Mrs. Brin and Mrs. Kessler.

The three stores will be operated under the name of Mohr Value Centers as wholly - owned subsidiaries of Wetterau. They will continue to sell general merchandise, including men's and women's clothing, soft goods, shoes, toys, small electrical appliances, automotive accessories, and health and beauty aids.

Wetterau is a wholesale distributor of food and non-food products for some 450 IGA supermarkets in the Midwest and New England as well as 275 Red & White and other independent grocers in the southeastern United States.

The diesel was patented in Germany in 1873 by Rudolf Diesel, and the first engine was built in 1897.

HARDY HOLLY

Most of the holly cuttings used in American homes are of the English variety, grown for the most part in the northwest where climatic conditions are most favorable. Several American strains are hardier than their English cousins and superior in color, foliage and fruit. They carry such interesting names as Merry Christmas, Santa Claus, Old Heavy Berry and Cronenberry.

Holy Night

In the spirit of that Holy Night, we wish you joy and peace.

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IT'S CHRISTMASTIME

We wish you a Christmas filled with Happy Doings! Our thanks to you for your past favors. We will endeavor always to be worthy of your trust.

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IN ORDER FOR OUR EMPLOYEES TO SPEND CHRISTMAS WITH THEIR FAMILIES

Peace and Joy

On the eve of His Birth, may the light of love and understanding shine upon you and kindle your heart with peace . . . and joy.

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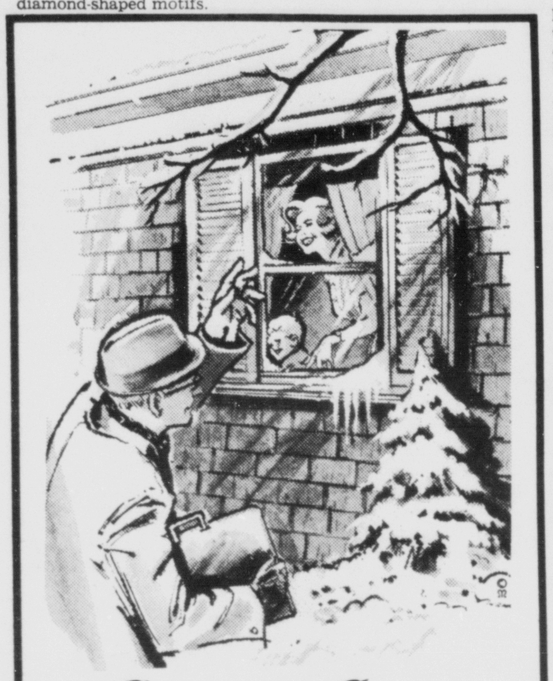
FOR THE BASSINET SET—Ideal gift for a newborn baby, this reversible bassinet cover is easy to make. All that's required is a yard of quilted cotton gingham with solid color backing, Coats & Clark's jumbo and baby rick rack in contrasting colors, and 2-inch wide bias hem facing. Stitch rick rack on the gingham side following quilting stitches to form diamond-shaped motifs.



Christmas Greetings

The contentment and security of home and family is particularly valued at Christmas. May the season find you snug and happy, and may we thank you for letting us serve you.

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Jesus, The Perfect Man

(Reprinted, in response to numerous requests, as written by the late C. P. J. Mooney for The Commercial Appeal of Dec. 22, 1912).

There is no other character in history like that of Jesus.

As a preacher, as a doer of things, and as a philosopher, no man has ever had the sweep and vision of Jesus.

A human analysis of the human actions of Jesus brings to view a rule of life that is amazing in its perfect detail.

The system of ethics Jesus taught during his earthly sojourn 2,000 years ago was true then, has been true in every century since and will be true forever.

Plato was a great thinker and learned in his age, but his teachings did not stand the test of time, and human experience have shown that he erred.

Marcus Aurelius touched the reflective mind of the world, but he was as cold and austere as brown marble.

The doctrine of Confucius gave a great nation moral and mental dry rot.

The teachings of Buddha resulted in mental and moral chaos that makes India derelict.

Mohammed offered a system of ethics which was adopted by millions of people. Now their children live in deserts where once there were cities, along dry rivers where once there was moisture, and in shadows of gray, barren hills where once there was greenness.

Thomas Aquinas was a profound philosopher, but parts of his system have been abandoned.

Francis of Assisi was Christlike in his saintliness, but in some respects he was childish.

Thomas A. Kempis' Imitation of Christ is a thing of rare beauty and sympathy but it is, as its name indicates, only an imitation.

Sir Thomas More's Utopia is yet a dream and cannot be realized.

Lord Bacon's writing on Chemistry and medicine under the glasses of the man in a 20th Century laboratory is puerile.

The world's most learned doctors until 150 years ago gave dragon's blood and the ground dried tails of lizards and shells of eggs for certain ailments. The great surgeons of a hundred years ago bled a man if he were wounded.

Napoleon had the world at his feet for four years, and when he died the world was going on its way as if he had never lived.

Jesus taught little as to property because He knew there were more important things than property. He measured property and life, the body and soul, at their exact relative value. He taught much as to character, because character was more important than dollars.

Other men taught us to develop systems of government. Jesus taught us so as to perfect the minds of men. Jesus looked at the soul, while other men dwell on more material things.

After the experience of 2,000 years, no man can find a flaw in the governmental system outlined by Jesus.

Czar and kaiser, president and socialist, give to its complete merit their admiration.

No man today, no matter whether he follows the doctrine of Mills, Marx or George as to property, can find a false principle in Jesus' theory of property.

In the duty of man to his fellows, no sociologist has ever approximated the perfection of the doctrine laid down by Jesus in His Sermon on the Mount.

Not all the investigations of chemists, not all the discoveries of explorers, not all the experiences of rulers, not all the historical facts that go to make up the sum of human knowledge on this day in 1912 are in contradiction to one word uttered or one principle laid down by Jesus.

The human experience of 2,000 years shows that Jesus ever made a mistake. Jesus never uttered a doctrine that was true at the time and then became obsolete.

Jesus spoke the truth; He lived the truth; and truth is eternal.

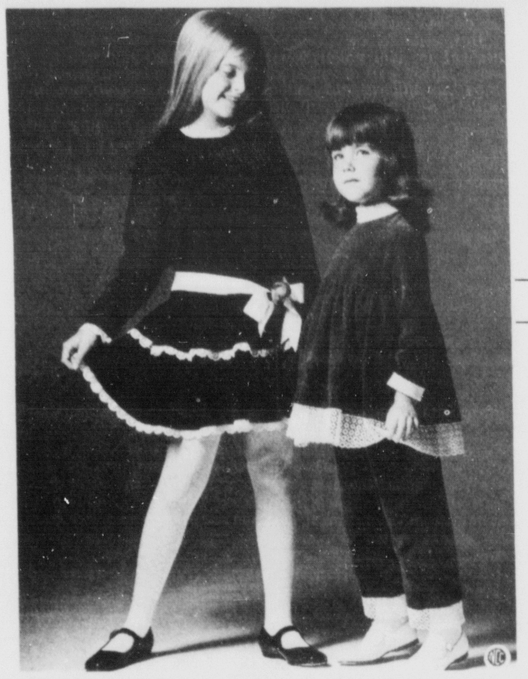
History has no record of any other man leading a perfect life or doing everything in logical order. Jesus is the only person whose every action and every utterance strike a true note in he heart of every man born of woman. He never said a foolish thing, never did a foolish act and never dissembled.

No Poet, no dreamer, no philosopher loved humanity with the love that Jesus bore toward all men.

Who, then, was Jesus?

He could not have been merely a man, for there was never a man who had two consecutive thoughts absolutely in truthful perfection.

Jesus must have been what Christendom proclaims Him to be - a divine being - or He could not have been what He was. No mind but an infinite mind could have left behind those things which Jesus gave to the world as a heritage.



PARTY-FAIR—Two ways to dress for the holidays: in a black cotton velveteen dress edged with white lace and ribbon sash (left) or in a deep red cotton velveteen dress and pants trimmed with wide lace. Both by Johnston of Dallas.

A CHRISTMAS WISH

May the lovely, lasting fragrance
Of the pungent Christmas pine
Fill your heart and house long after
Light and tinsel dim their shine.
When you've sped the last guest homeward
With warm wishes and good cheer,
May enduring Christmas spirit
Guide and keep you through the year.

-Louis Hajek

Revised kodak publication describes professional black-and-white films

A new edition of Publication No. F-5, "Kodak Professional Black- and - White Films," includes information about roll as well as sheet films for the professional photographer.

The first part of the text discusses negative quality and how to recognize it, as well as the related subjects of contrast, density, and detail. Further sections deal with emulsion characteristics and the physical properties of films, as well as the important question of storage.

A chapter on choosing the right film for a particular application discusses the use of various film types and the influence of curve shape on negative quality under different conditions of use.

The remainder of the book is devoted to an outline of film processing of both sheets and rolls. A Data- sheet section in the center of the book provides technical information on the most commonly used Kodak professional black- and - white films.

"Kodak Professional Black-and- White Films," which replaces "Negative Making with Kodak Black-and-White Sheet Films," has 32 pages of text and illustrations, plus 32 pages of data sheets, in the 8½ x 11 - inch format. List price of the book is $1.50.

Christmas And Bells

Many poet and musicians have been inspired to write music and verses concerning bells, and bells have been associated with religion for centuries.

John Pierpont, a lawyer who was not happy practicing law, became a clergyman and wrote verses to "Jingle Bells" in about 1857. He called it "The One Horse Open Sleigh", and it is sung all over the world at Christmastime.

This Is Christmas!

Light the candles on your tree of hope, for this is Christmas! Let your heart refresh and take joy and gladness, for this is Christmas!

Listen to the melody in all creation; it is there for those who will hear. Forget the trials of the hour. He who has learned the secret of trust will have no fear, for he can make this day of days one of gladness and praise-giving. For this is Christmas!

Take a board about 5 inches by 9 inches — or thereabouts — cover with foil and nail on a piece of chicken wire.

Pull green branches through the wire and slip colorful Christmas balls and figures amongst the greenery. That's all there is to it. Use the same board each year.

We're ringing in the holiday season
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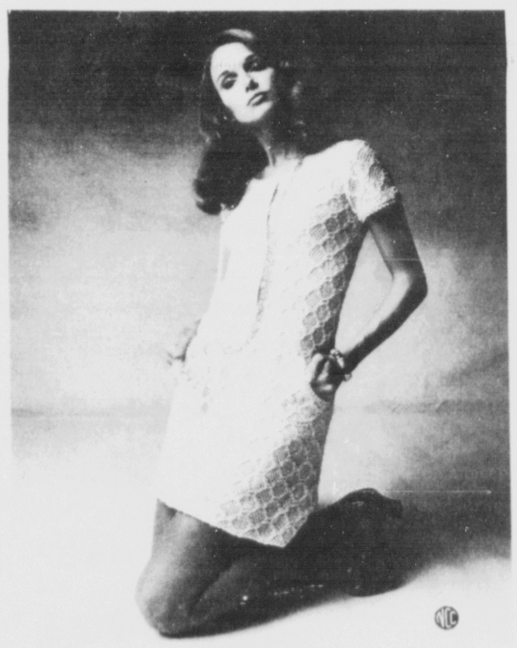

IN FASHION'S ORBIT—The free-wheeling look of fashion 1970 is captured by Designer Stacy Ames in this T-shirt dress of diamond-patterned cotton crochet. Lightweight and comfortable as only cotton can be, the dress comes in a natural string-color.

Each year at Christmas, the sacred story of the first Holy Night lives anew. Now may the Miracle of Bethlehem bestow its blessings upon each of us.

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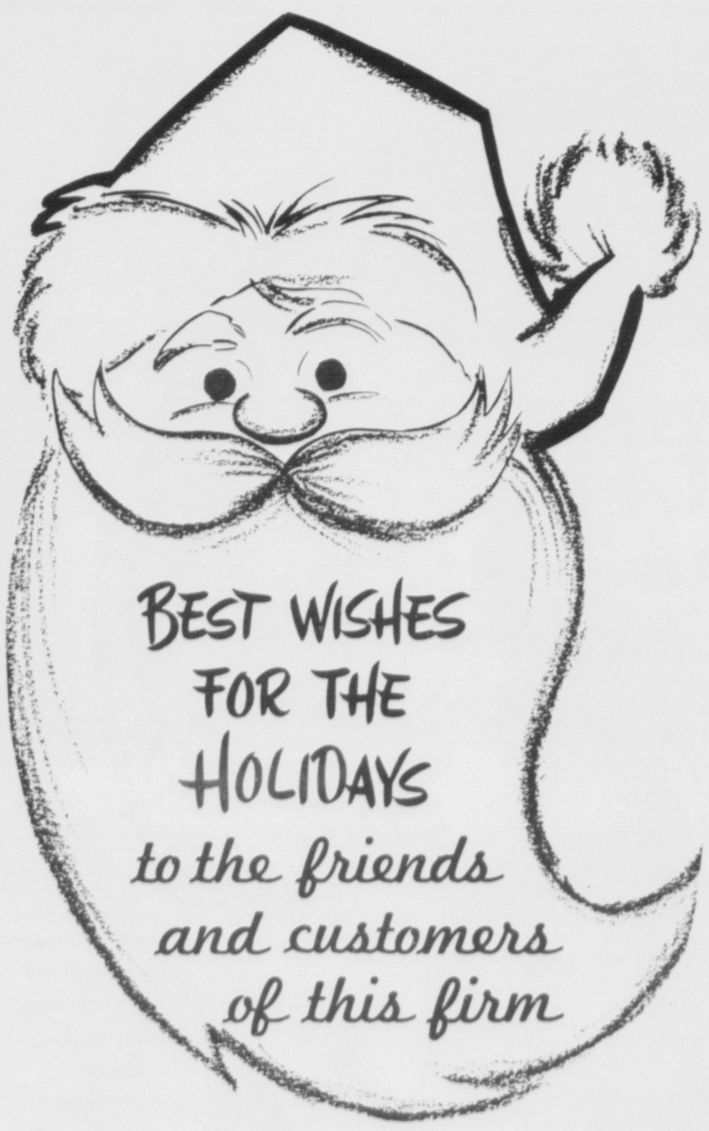

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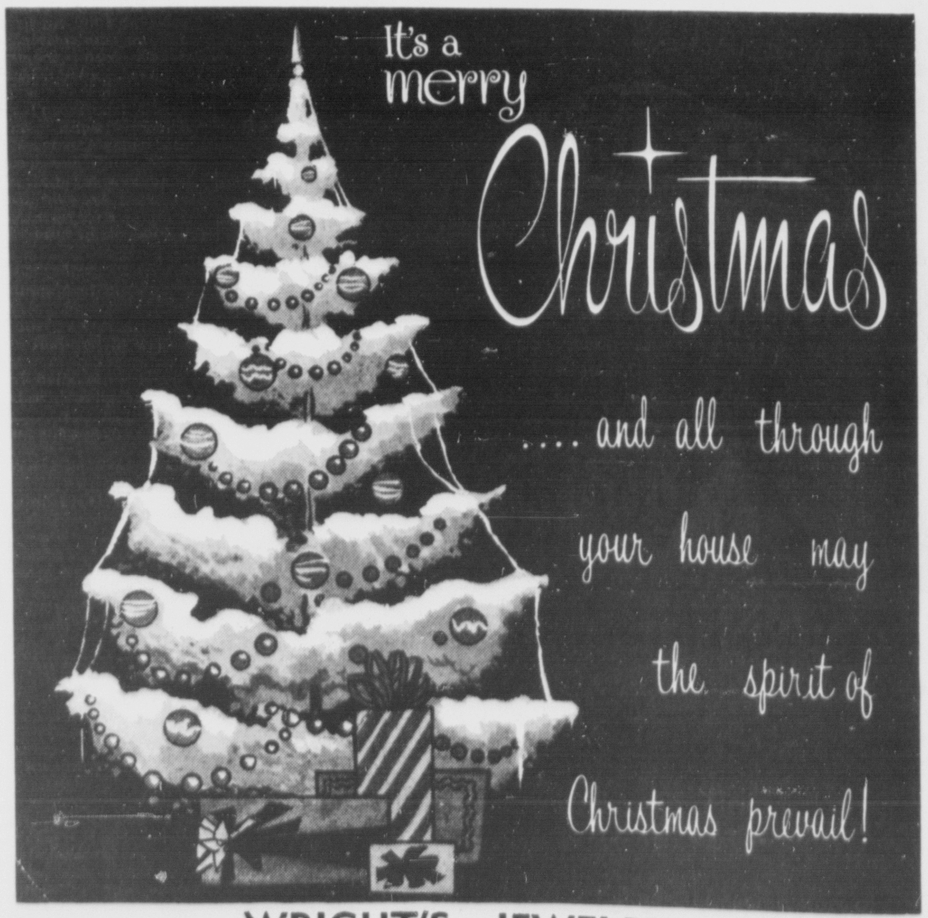

WRIGHT'S JEWELRY
Raymond & Betty

Spirit of Christmas Rules In Community Celebrations

It's Christmas time! Everywhere, glad sights and sounds reflect the spirit of the season, as this community celebrates the joyous holiday.

The spirit of Christmas is seen, in gaily decorated streets and stores, in homes aglow with light and festive with evergreens, in churches where the manger scene tells anew the wonderful old story of a holy Babe who was born in Bethlehem nearly two thousand years ago.

The spirit of Christmas is heard, in bells ringing out from street corner to steeple, in happy voices singing all the songs of the season, from old familiar carols to the more solemn, but at the same time joyful, anthems, cantatas and oratorios.

The spirit of Christmas is felt, as last minute preparations for the big celebration are made. There are always, it seems, some packages still to be wrapped, some final trimmings to be put on the tree, some part of the Christmas pageant or choral program that needs just one more rehearsal, some extra touches to make the Christmas feast absolutely perfect.

In the midst of the hustle and bustle, the spirit of Christmas shines through in all its many meanings.

The spirit of Christmas means laughter and joy — best expressed, perhaps, by the faces of children, eager and smiling as they wait for Santa, full of reverent wonder as they hear the Christmas story and see the manger scene.

The spirit of Christmas means giving, with love wrapped into every package. And it means sharing — the riches of thoughtful consideration and genuine interest, as well as time and money — with the aged, the ill, the needy and unfortunate.

The spirit of Christmas means a warm renewal of family ties and close friendships, and an enjoyment of traditions treasured through the years — the special customs each family creates for itself, as well as the traditions garnered from the lore and legends of Christmas.

Naming the Day

As a holy day and a holiday, Christmas means both prayerful worship and festive merrymaking. The holy meaning of the day is expressed in its name.

The Latin name for Christmas translates as the Feast or Birthday of Our Lord. The English Christmas means the Mass of Christ, a meaning which is closely paralleled by the Dutch "Kermis." In German it's "Weihnacht," or sacred night.

The French "Noel" has several possible meanings — news, birthday or a "shout of joy." Whatever the exact origin, there's no question that Noel now means Christmas.

How the Tree Grew

When the German prince Alfred married Queen Victoria, he carried the custom of the Yule tree to England, and from there it spread by imitation and immigration to the United States and Canada.

The German origin is appropriate, since it was in Germany that the English missionary St. Boniface, formerly a monk named Winfrid, first instituted the decorated fir tree, a tribute to the Christ Child, as a replacement for the sacrifices made to the oak, which was sacred to the pagan god Odin.

When Caroling Began

With the joyful strains of "Silent Night," "The First Noel" and other beloved carols, today's carolers carry on a meaningful Christmas custom that originated centuries ago.

As early as the fourth century A. D., a musical poem was sung in honor of St. Basil and his victory in the fight for Christianity over the Byzantine emperor Julian In Greece legends of St. Basil were later put to music and sung at Christmas and the New Year.

The first real Christmas carols, however, were probably sung in the Italian mountain village of Grecchio when St. Francis of Assisi created the first manger scene in 1223. He and his brethren led the villagers in singing hymns of praise to the Christ Child.

Source of Giving

Giving gifts at the Yuletide season has many precedents. In the years before Christ, Romans gave branches of laurel, olive and myrtle to each other at the Saturnalia, a pagan festival that occurred about the same time as the present date of Christmas. In England and Northern Europe, Druid worshippers tied gifts on trees during the Yule festival held at the winter solstice.

Roman emperors often demanded Yule gifts of clothing, gold and silver from their subjects, and so did the kings and queens of medieval England. It is said that Queen Elizabeth I gained most of her wardrobe through these compulsory gifts.

In later years the idea of giving in a spirit of kind-hearted generosity developed.

Santa Gets His Garb From Poem, Cartoon

Santa first appeared in his now-traditional guise as a plump, jovial, white-bearded and pipe-smoking old gentleman — "a right jolly old elf" — in the poem, "A Visit from St. Nicholas," written by Dr. Clement C. Moore in 1822.

Earlier, "Santeclaus" had been pictured dressed as a bishop, in a book called "The Children's Friend," and in Washington Irving's "Knickerbocker History of New York," published in 1809, Santa was said to wear a broad-brimmed hat and huge breeches.

Even Dr. Moore's poem did not, apparently, clothe Santa in a red suit. "He was dressed all in fur from his head to his foot," says the poem.

Santa as he looks today was first sketched by Cartoonist Thomas Nast, in 1869. The cartoon showed Santa in his familiar red garb, smoking a pipe.

It's an Old Custom

Festive wreaths and garlands made of evergreens, cones and herbs are, nowadays, closely linked to the celebration of Christmas. The custom of making such garlands for gala occasions actually dates back to the ancient Egyptians, a thousand or more years before the birth of Christ.

Warding Off Witches Led to Candy Canes

One of the most popular symbols of the Christmas holidays, candy canes, began with an old superstition during the Middle Ages. Europeans of that period carried glass canes filled with colored candies to distract evil witches.

Belief was that the evil ones become so interested in sorting the candies that casting of evil spells was forgotten, reports the Candy, Chocolate and Confectionery Institute.

Of Carols . . .

In England and France the custom of carol singing at Christmas stemmed from the songs sung between the scenes of the medieval "mystery" or "miracle" plays, which were created to teach the Bible to the people of the time, few of whom could read.

The early miracle plays portrayed the coming of Christ, in simple drama. Later plays became more elaborate, with fictional scenes added.

THE STORY OF THE BIRTH OF CHRIST has, for centuries, been an inspiration to artists. The Nativity, the adoration of the shepherds, the journey of the Wise Men and the Madonna and Child have been the subjects of hundreds of beautiful paintings. "The Madonna and Child," shown here, is by Vincenzo Foppa, a Milanese painter of the fifteenth and early sixteenth centuries. It is painted in tempera on wood. From the Metropolitan Museum of Art, The Theodore M. Davis Collection, Bequest of Theodore M. Davis, 1915.

The Christmas I Never Forgot

Norman Vincent Peale
in the Globe-Democrat

At Christmastime I always think of my father for he taught me a great truth that has added much joy to my life. It was that the way you think about people, how you treat them and react to them, is extremely important to your own happiness.

"To treat each man as a child of God is the big secret of happy living," he said. "Hold him in esteem and it will make him and you happy."

One Christmas Eve, when I was a very young boy, I was out with my father doing some late Christmas shopping in our home town of Cincinnati. My father had as big a heart as any man I ever knew. It made no difference who a person was, he loved and talked with them all. And he was an extremely happy man. He had respect and esteem for every person. He saw beneath their exteriors, not as they appeared to be, but rather as they really were. And he had sharp insight, too. He knew people.

On this occasion I was loaded down with packages and must have felt tired and irritable. I was thinking how good it would be to get home when a beggar, a blearyeyed, unshaved, dirty old man came up to me, touched my hand with his and asked for money. I recoiled from his soiled hand and rather impatiently brushed him aside.

"You shouldn't treat a man that way, Norman," said my father as soon as we were out of earshot.

"But, Dad, he's nothing but a bum."

"Bum?" he said. "There is no such thing as a bum. He is a child of God. Maybe he hasn't made the most of himself, but he is a child of God, nonetheless. We must look upon a man with esteem. Now, I want you to go and give him this." My father pulled out of his pocketbook and handed me a dollar. That was a lot for his means. "And do exactly the way I tell you. Go up to him, hand him this dollar and speak to him with respect. Tell him you are giving him this dollar in the name of Christ."

"Oh," I objected, "I don't want to say that."

My father insisted. "Go and do as I tell you."

So I ran after the old man, caught up with him and said, "Excuse me, sir, I give you this dollar in the name of Christ."

The old man looked at me in absolute surprise. Then a wonderful smile spread over his face--a smile that made me forget he was dirty and unshave. I could see his real face through the streaks of grime. His essential nobility came out. Graciously, with a sort of bow, he said, "I thank you, young sir, in the name of Christ."

I remember that my irritation and annoyance faded like magic. And suddenly I was happy, deeply happy. The very street seemed beautiful. In fact, I believe at that moment I actually held that man in full and complete esteem, and it made Christmas an unforgettable and memorable day. Since then I have made every effort to see people as my father saw them.

And that has brought untold satisfaction. I have often returned to the exact spot where this incident took place, on Fourth Street in Cincinnati.

Snow Scenes Say, "It's Christmas"

By ANNA MANG

Where the sun shines bright, the air is balmy and never is heard the disouraging howl of a blizzard, Christmas is still a winter wonderland.

In northern climes the plaint is, "We just don't have snow for Christmas the way we used to," and even in climates where decorated palm trees substitute for evergreens and holiday picnics are more likely than sleigh rides, snow and plenty of it seems an essential part of the vision of the Yuletide.

Country snow scenes are popular greeting card subjects and Christmas illustrations in Southern states, South American countries and many other places where snow seldom or never falls. Songs and stories tell of a Christmas world wrapped in wintry white.

It Was Rainy Season

The popularity and persistence of the "winter wonderland" idea seems more remarkable since "snow for Christmas" must have been improbable, if not impossible, as a part of the Holy Night. Rain was more likely, especially on the date officially celebrated as Christ's birthday. December 25 is right in the midst of the rainy season in Bethlehem.

Early art depicting the Nativity and the events following it was faithful to the probabilities. In these paintings, the shepherds watched in fields free of snow, and the Holy Family fled to Egypt under sunny skies, their route marked by palm trees. Later, snow appeared in paintings of the Holy Night.

White Means Purity

Part of the explanation may be that white, rather than red and green, was early chosen by churches as the color of Christmas. White is, of course, the symbol of purity and innocence, and a landscape white with snow thus becomes a proper expression of the true spirit of Christmas.

Other explanations may be found in the origins of Christmas customs. Many of the pagan rites which were absorbed into the Christian celebration came from Northern Europe and, if not associated directly with snow, at least reflected the need for warmth in winter.

The Yule log, for instance, became a part of the early Christmases, and certainly an open fire indoors is enhanced by a blanket of snow outdoors.

Had Snowy Source

Consider, too, that a number of modern Christmas customs — the tree and its lights, for instance — came from Germany, where cold, snowy winters might logically contribute to the legends and lore of the season. The first lighted tree was, supposedly, created by Martin Luther as a symbol of a starry sky on a snowy night.

In modern times Irving Berlin and Bing Crosby have substantially strengthened the vision of a "White Christmas." Bing singing Berlin's famous song is now a traditional part of the Yule season.

While many, perhaps most, people may be able only to dream of a white Christmas and create its semblance with cotton or spray-on snow, it's a safe assumption that the happiest season will continue to be envisioned as a snowy winter wonderland.

Nicest things in the world: a Christmas tree when it's first put up, and the living room when you finally take the tree down.

Lois Reed

A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS

May the splendor of that special Star reflect in our hearts to bring joy anew.

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Once Again Christmas

LOUIS LA COGS In
The Globe-Democrat

It is here again -- Christmas! There must be some of us who cannot join to the full in the joyous festivities that area a tradition with the greatest of all holidays. Within the year we all have seen dear ones depart and we cannot fight off the sadness of the vacant chair, the void that Noel and Adeste Fideles cannot fill.

So we veto the holiday and withdraw from its joy. We selfishly propose to treat Christmas as "just another day." This may not be the correct attitude, but that's the way it is.

But, if "Merry Christmas" has a hollow sound this year to some, it was not always such within my memory. I came from a family where togetherness was everything. It was a year-around situation. We called it a "footity" -- a reunion -- but it was held at any time and without excuse. We just gathered around and talked and sang and ate chicken and dumplings and had a good time.

Christmas was something special. It started just after Thanksgiving, which curiously, was never a "footity" occasion for us and went right into the first of the year. We never celebrated New Year's Eve or Day -- I suppose we were all too tired after the strenuous Christmas holiday.

Wherever the "footity" was held, there was a Christmas tree. I shudder now to think about it, the fire hazard involved. It was always tall, reaching to the ceiling and frequently bending over. It was an evergreen dug out of the adjacent hills.

It was festooned with ribbons and stringed popcorn and cranberries, and, most important, flowing strands of cotton.

But the danger was that these gay contributions to the holiday season were inflammable because dotting the tree were candles. These are not candles such as we have today -- candles that light with the press of a button and glow with the fierce intensity of kilowatt devotion. They were just ordinary candles, made from wax and parafin. The trouble was they burned.

For good reason Uncle Gus was named Fire Chief for the day. He assembled buckets filled with water and in solemn fashion instructed us all how to perform in the event of an emergency. Fortunately there was never a fire and the clan was never immolated on a Santa Claus pyre. I still can't understand how we escaped.

In a column several years ago, I described the last "footity" celebrated by the family which then numbered upwards of 50, what with new babies and sundry in-laws. Too many for any of our homes to accommodate, so it was decided to forget the "footity" idea.

Then came a fortuitous development. Uncle Frank bought a farm near town and for reasons known only to him decided to move in immediately. This meant that his house in town would be vacant at Christmas time. Presto: The problem was solved. A "footity" would be held in the vacant house -- a last fling by the clan, a hilarious salute to end the chapter.

When Uncle Frank moved his household effects to the farm, he left the kitchen range, a couple of heating stoves and several chairs. He brought a load of straw which he toted upstairs and spread on the floor. The kids were to bed down there, the less hardy folks being accommodated elsewhere in the town. And it was cold up there!

For the festive table, long boards were placed on wooden horses. The procession started in the dining room, led thru the living room and front parlor and ended in a bedroom. For the first time in many years there was to be no "second table" -- the table for the kids. All were to eat at the same time. For chairs, benches were built around the entire extension of the table.

Came Christmas dawn and a skimpy breakfast, because the women folks were getting the dinner underway. Turkeys and two geese -- all of us were good eaters and there wasn't an ulcer in the bunch -- had been prepared for the oven the night before.

A bushel or so of potatoes had been made ready for the pot. Vegetables were pared and washed. A huge mound of dressing with its proper quota of sage was ready for stuffing.

Around 9 o'clock the country folks began to arrive. They had started long before daylight. Traveling 12 miles over Kansas roads in those days was no simple operation; automobiles were still Henry Ford's secret. From their wagons came supplementary food.

The scene was one of happy confusion as "Merry Christmas" was shouted all over the place. There were hugs and kisses by those who had been together only the night before. Squealing kids ran helter-skelter-kept under a semblance of discipline by a few well placed pfiutzes, which is clan parlance for a slap.

Uncle John appeared with the bronchial cough which was his chronic affliction on Sundays and holidays, an ailment that could be relieved only by a nip -- and this sometimes posed a problem in "dry" Kansas.

Then came dinner, a picture of hunger being sated by happy people. Although it was mid-afternoon, blankets were hung across the windows to darken the room and give the lighted candles the proper effect.

There were gifts for all -- it didn't take much then to make a child happy. After the tree was stripped, there was a time for story telling by the older folks, stories of pioneering days in Kansas by a family from Erie, Pa., who joined a German migration to the west under the newly enacted Homestead Act.

I have always been curious why my grandfather chose a farm in the flint hills of Kansas when he had the entire west for a location. But that he did and scratched out a precarious living and educated a family of nine children.

My mother frequently told of riding to town a dozen miles away behind a yoke of oxen, and being lost for an entire night on the prairie was one of her adventures.

So, Christmas Day was ended, another memory I have to add to the many happy ones I have of my childhood. Long since has the "footity" ceased to function but I believe it was a part of American when family life was an institution that had not been dissipated by what some say today is Progress Toward a Better Way of Life. I'll take the old kind.

I wonder how many million Christmas trees will be sold this holiday. I passed a store the other day and probably 200 of them were on a lot waiting for customers. Some folks make a living merely growing them for market. We even have artificial ones, another manifestation of the modernity that invests everything we do today.

Christmas trees, I discovered, are ancient in their origin. Things of the sort were in vogue long before the advent of Christianity. The Egyptians celebrated the winter solstice by hanging green date palms in their homes as a symbol of "life triumphant over death." The Romans observed the feast of Saturn in December and evergreen boughs were part of the ceremony.

In Britain and Ireland sprigs of evergreen were hung over the front door to frighten away witches and evil spirits. The Druids, a religious organization in ancient Gaul, also used evergreens, and Oriental literature contains references to their use among the Persians and Hebrews.

But it was in Germany that the Christmas tree was "invented." First it was used as a stage prop in the prevalent mystery plays, a popular theme being Adam and Eve and the forbidden fruit. By some it was called the Paradise Tree and was decorated with fruit in season, but later home-baked cookies in varying shapes were added and then flowers, tinseled angels and the figures of men and animals.

Later the tree had a religious significance and Christmas Eve was the time when it was set up as the ornamental sign of Christ.

Hessian soldiers employed by the British in the Revolutionary War brought the Christbaum custom across the Atlantic, first to Rhode Island, but for a long time the lighted trees were banned by law in some states. In at least one New England state, persons celebrating the holiday could be and were fined.

Christmas Meditation

A Soldier Is Born

"On earth peace, good will toward men"
—Luke 2:14

At this Christmas 1965, American soldiers scattered throughout a troubled world pause to remember the birth of another Soldier of long ago—the world's Prince of Peace.

This Soldier fought not with rockets, missiles, or guns. Love, good will, and understanding were his weapons.

He put on the armor of God and conquered a world by winning the hearts of man. He replaced despair with hope, loved even his enemies, and upheld the dignity of each human being. Yet he remained firm in his convictions and steadfast in his purpose—even in the face of death.

He did not make us a gift of everlasting peace, but rather established peace and good will toward men as the noblest aim of mankind.

And throughout the ages, man has found comfort in His example. His unconquerable Spirit inspired our ce and ragged soldiers as they prepared for battle at Trenton on that fateful Christmas Eve in 1776. His indomitable Will encouraged and strengthened our soldiers in the Ardennes, on the road to Bataan, and as they stemmed the Chinese offensive in Korea.

Is it not meet then, that the thoughts of our soldiers return now to that manger in Bethlehem? There is the origin of their strength, inspiration, and hope—where the angelic voices resounded over the Judean hills on that first Christmas morning: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace . . ." (ANF)

Writing 'A Christmas Carol'

FRANKLIN WINTERS IN
The Optimist Magazine

"I am sure I have always thought of Christmas time . . . as a good time; a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time; the only time I know of, in the long calendar of the year, when men and women seem by one consent to open their shut-up hearts freely, and to think of people below them as if they really were fellow-travelers to the grave, and not another race of creatures bound on other journeys."

No need to tell where the above quotation originated! It comes from the most beloved Christmas story that has ever been written. . .A Christmas Carol by the immortal Charles Dickens. The words, which will echo in millions of hearts throughout the world this season, are spoken to Scrooge by his well-meaning nephew before that remarkable procession of ghosts transformed the crabby, tight-fisted miser into a genial and generous mortal.

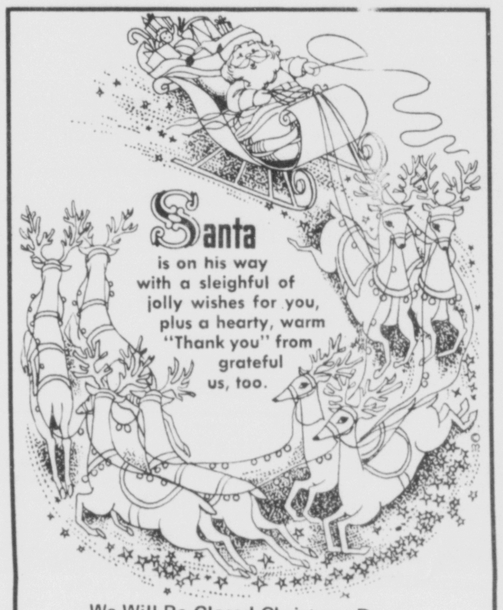
Although millions will be renewing their acquaintance with this unique tale, few are aware of the background for its inspiration. How did it come to be written?

It was early October of 1843. Charles Dickens had just returned to England from his first trip to America. Being no idler, he was already driving himself hard on his long novel, "Martin Chuzzlewit," but he grew tired and bored with creating a character of inhuman greed. He decided that a diversion was in order. . .a shorter tale with an entirely different type of characters. . .a story which would have its own special glow of happiness. Christmas was only a few short months away and that, decided Dickens, would be his subject.

The germ of the plot had come to him while he was in Manchester taking part in the opening ceremonies of that city's new library, but he did not start putting the story down on paper until he returned to his imposing home at No. 1 Devonshire Terrace in London. Dickens had always looked forward eagerly to the Yuletide season. Its gaiety and gift-giving enraptured him.

Once he had settled himself to the task, Dickens worked without letup. As with his other creations, he literally lived so close to his new gallery of brain children that others frequently questioned his sanity. In a letter to a friend he admitted that he "wept, and laughted, and wept again" and excited himself "in a most extraordinary manner."

He told another friend, Sir Edward Bulwer-Lytton, that he "never left home before the owls went out, and led quite a solitary life." His only relaxation while he wrote his little Carol," as he affectionately called it, consisted of long walks about London. . late at night "when all the sober folks had gone to bed." But as he wandered those black streets, his new characters walked with him.



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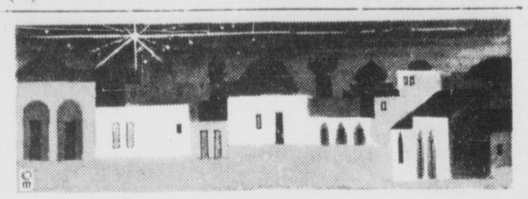

Christian Visitors Seek Church of Nativity For Three Celebrations of Christmas

Pilgrimage to Bethlehem is for thousands of Christians each year the focal point of the religious observance of Christmas. Visitors of many faiths make the trip to Bethlehem, now a part of Jordan, to the Church of the Nativity above the Grotto of the Nativity where Christ was born.

The manger so familiar to all who know the Christmas story was an improvised stable in a cave hewn out of rock, near the center of the hill town of Bethlehem.

Christmas is observed three times at Bethlehem, and for each observance the Mandelbaum Gate between the Israel and Arab sectors of Jerusalem is opened to admit the Christian pilgrims.

Roman Catholic, Greek Orthodox and Armenian denominations share the Church of the Nativity. Roman Catholic churches begin the Christmas celebrations with masses on Christmas Eve, December 25.

Eastern churches observe Christ's birth in January. For the Greek Orthodox churches, which still follow the old Julian calendar, Holy Night is January 6, Christmas Day January 7. Armenian churches celebrate both Christmas and Epiphany on January 19.

Those of the Protestant faiths gather in Shepherds Fields, the nearby site where, according to tradition, the shepherds heard the angel of the Lord come to tell of the Nativity.

Tidings of Gladness and Joy

We'd like to extend wishes that this Christmas be a joyful one and that the spirit of His birth remain in your hearts always. A most sincere thank you, friends.

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